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Editor's WELCOME

After a rather long hiatus, a wedding and a baby later, I cannot believe I am back in the hotseat, editing The Resident once more. Times have changed and while the magazine may have a brand new look, the values are still the same - keeping this publication in the heart of its area of Kensington & Chelsea.

And what better way to kick start my tenure than with that very special of royal residences, Kensington Palace. The future home of Wills and Kate has undergone a bit of a facelift, with new exhibitions and a visitor experience to remember. From playing card games in the King's Court to trying on Victorian clothes and seeing the new landscaping in all its glory, the Palace has pulled out all the stops, through charitable donations and Historic Royal Palaces funding. I have always been rather fascinated by Queen Victoria and although Eddie Izzard once called her, "one of our more frumpy queens," after seeing the film *Young Victoria* and crying my eyes out, I shall relish the chance to see her wedding dress at the Palace once the exhibition opens. Read all about what's in store on page 33.

Staying with the royals, Alistair Erskine is a local painter who was invited by HRH The Prince of Wales to embark on a royal tour, painting beautiful vistas through Spain. Alex Larman went to meet him and while he didn't give away too many secrets, his journey was definitely an eventful one (p 16).

Duke of York Square will be in celebratory mood this month when the BADA fair descends as this year is their 20th anniversary. From the usual exquisite items to a gala dinner, BADA will no doubt be better than ever and with a special offer as a result of partnering with The Resident, this is an event you shouldn't miss (P 55).

The Resident is very lucky this month to have managed to obtain exclusive images from the new handbag design by Carolina Herrera de Báez. Daughter of the famous designer Carolina Herrera, it would appear that the artistic flair is in the genes and her handbag is a must-have accessory this spring (p 77).

This month we have also included a few extra pieces on travel to beat away the winter blues, with Paul Kerr, CEO of Small Luxury Hotels giving us his view of the area in *My Residence* and Shannon Denny compiling a delightful selection of must-haves before embarking on a trip abroad. Lorraine Crighton-Smith explores Sardinia and Vicky Smith frequents three properties in Scotland, in search of the best in self-catering holidays.

This issue has been a very busy one and it has been lovely to return to such a fantastic team of people. Here's to keeping up the good work!

I hope you enjoy this issue.

Nina Theoharis
Acting Editor



On the Cover:

The iconic gates of Kensington Palace will open to allow visitors inside to see the brand new temporary and permanent exhibitions, including Diana's Dresses and Victoria Revealed.

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By *Royal* appointment

Alistair Erskine took travelling with Prince Charles as an official tour artist all in his stride. It seems his paintbox was the only cause for concern, as Alex Larman discovered

The artist and decorator Alistair Erskine keeps elevated company. His new exhibition, that opens at Chelsea's James Harvey Gallery on February 29th, might boast the unassuming title 'Mediterranean Impressions', but the pictures, depicting Spain, Portugal and Morocco, were hardly gained under the usual circumstances. In fact, they came about because of a recent trip with the Prince

of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall, where Erskine was invited along in the capacity of 'official tour artist'. Mixing with royalty might seem like a daunting prospect for most of us, but for the Old Etonian Erskine, whose publicity suggests airily that, 'he has lost count of his billionaire clients', it's pretty much all in a day's work.

Arriving to meet Erskine at Mayfair's oh-so-

fashionable Mount St Deli, I was expecting to encounter someone rather grand in both appearance and manner. However, the instantly amiable figure that I saw by the window, looking slightly like a more avuncular version of the actor John Lithgow, belied the vague fears that I'd had that I would be interviewing a subject who would upbraid me for perceived inadequacies of dress and deportment. Instead, Erskine was open and friendly from the start, perhaps keen to dispel some of the myths that attach themselves to high society painters.

This is something that he does very well. I've seldom met someone who's more modest about their considerable achievements. When asked about what the highlights of the trip were, he doesn't attempt to lionize his involvement with the Prince and Duchess, but says, 'It was really splendid to see so many wonderful buildings, many of which I'd never been to, and which I'd love to go back to, such as the Alhambra, and the Alcázar in Seville. I was also pretty pleased to feel like a grand tourist of the old school when I was in Rabat. You get to wander about, and nobody tells you what to do and where to go. I managed to spend a decent amount of time in some fantastic cities, and found a few quiet spots to paint in. The light, in spring, is absolutely exquisite, and I was fortunate enough to be in the same settings as so many of the Old Masters.' The hectic ten-day itinerary included jaunts to Seville, Madrid, Lisbon and Fez, among many other places, an experience that Erskine blithely describes as, 'probably the busiest week and a half of my life'.

Finest collections of art

Feeling a bit like the sort of degenerate who hacks into telephones, I felt duty-bound to ask if there was anything that occurred on the trip that wasn't entirely as planned. I had visions of an Evelyn Waugh-esque situation where Erskine was mistaken for royalty himself, or even a foreign spy, but alas nothing so dramatic took place. 'Well, there was a bit of a security wobble in Spain, where a box of my paints got the men in sunglasses a bit jittery, but apart from that it was all quite trouble-free. Which is actually quite funny, as a man with a big case does tend to get strange looks from time to time.' However, his association with the royal party proved a fascinating one. 'It's a tradition that's existed since the 18th century, certainly, and possibly before. It was all quite straightforward in terms of being asked. It was after my first exhibition, again with James Harvey, that apparently this came to royal attention, and the Prince thought that I was the sort of person who'd be well suited to coming on the tour. A brief interview at Clarence House later, and I was packing my bags.'



And what was the purpose of the royal trip? A faintly bemused expression. 'I have no idea. Entente, I suppose.'

So what about Charles himself, then? I wanted to ask all manner of prurient questions – 'Is it true that he has someone in his retinue just to boil his eggs?' – but in the end settled for a more mundane enquiry about whether he's as great a patron in the arts in person as his reputation suggests. Erskine, a master at answering these provocatively leading questions, pauses mid-sip and says, delicately, 'Well, I'm sure he's fascinated by them, but I didn't get that much of a chance to talk to him on the trip. It's all so hectic, and they're all rushing from one place to another all the time. That said, look at his reputation – he's founded two drawing schools, and he's a keen, and very good, painter himself, as well as having access to one of the finest collections of art in the world. So, yes, he certainly has a good eye.'

I'm intrigued by this reference to 'rushing', and press it further. How did he have time to paint? 'I thought about it as much as I could in advance, and made sure that I could work on the hop, as it were. It helped that I was looked after very well, but every minute of the day was accounted for. One day, I went to a royal reception in the evening, and when it ended I turned round to thank my hosts, and the next moment nearly everyone was gone, so I found myself jumping into the protocol one car, head first, so we could catch up with the royal convoy.' »

Left, Alistair Erskine painting; Above: Gardens of the Alcázar in Seville by Alistair Erskine

Every artist stands on some pretty considerable shoulders and in my case it's looking back to Constable and the Romantic idea of art

He also confirms, faintly disappointingly, that the entourage wasn't an enormous one – equerry, doctor, press secretary and himself. Alas, no egg boilers here. But he enjoyed the trip and considered it a worthwhile experience. 'If they asked me to go again, I'd be honoured, and would accept like a shot.'

In terms of his work, Erskine doesn't deny that his painting is, like that of Charles, fundamentally traditional and conservative. 'It's very much within an age-old strain of English painting, attempting to reflect nature and society. It's what I'm interested in, rather than attempting to make some grand artistic statement. Every artist stands on some pretty considerable shoulders, and in my case it's looking back to the Constable and Romantic idea of art.' Other contemporary artists who he considers to be of a similar ilk include David Hockney – 'a master craftsman' – whose new show at the RA has been both criticised and praised by many commentators for a similar style to Erskine's, namely beautiful representational art.

Erskine, however, is sanguine about his work. 'I've tried never to think too hard about it. Every artist has their own style and palette, and it comes quite easily to them. Eventually, you'll develop an individual approach, and then it becomes a more fulfilling experience. Avant-garde art can end up being so derivative, because it's just received ideas of what's 'different'. Of course, you've got the likes of Bacon, and Sutherland, and Nash, who turned 20th century art on their heads, but you've got many others.'

At the end of a highly enjoyable hour's chat, in which Erskine's oh-so-English self-deprecation offers plenty of dry amusement ('Favourite place to paint? Oh, one of the many middle-class holiday destinations that everyone else goes to'), we part and I wish him luck with the exhibition. He looks thoughtful and thanks me for meeting him, saying 'I've never been asked such penetrating questions before.' Whether this is a good or a bad thing I'm not quite certain, but the smile that accompanies his (apparent) praise might indicate that I shouldn't take it too seriously. }

Mediterranean Impressions is at the James Harvey Gallery, 15 Langton Street, from February 29th to March 15th.

Clockwise from right, main picture, Alistair Erskine painting; Monument to Alfonso XII Retiro Park, Spring Light in Retiro Park, Madrid; Granada Landscape, all by Alistair Erskine







Cassis Party

Marlon Abela, chairman of the MARC Ltd and his wife Nadya hosted a party at Cassis on Brompton Road to thank all regular customers and supporters. The dinner celebrated truffle season, with each course specially created from each of the London establishments in the group. The course from Cassis, created by David Escobar was roast fillet of Limousin veal with truffled winter vegetables.

Clockwise from top left: Giulia Charalambous, Laura Whitmore and Michael Charalambous; Tracy and Rob Hain, Jonathan Harris; Federica Fanari and Luca Del Bono; Julia and Andrei Arshavin, Galina Agapov; Kate and Rob Hersov; His Excellency Mr Hayashi, Madam Hayashi and Dee Stirling; Cyril Gonzalez, Carole Bouquet and Bruno Wang



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Clockwise from top left: Lauren Laverne and Grayson Perry; Rt Hon Theresa May MP Home Secretary with Head of LCF Professor Frances Corner; David Downton; Hasan Hejazi and Jodie Harsh; Harold Tillman CBE and Rt Hon Theresa May MP Home Secretary; Mollie King



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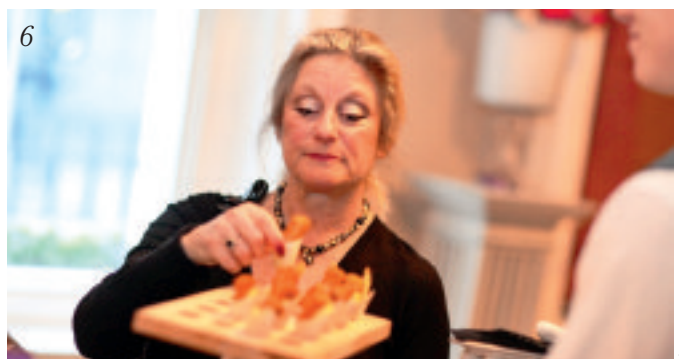
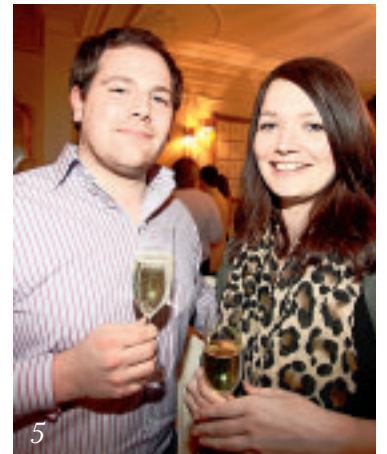


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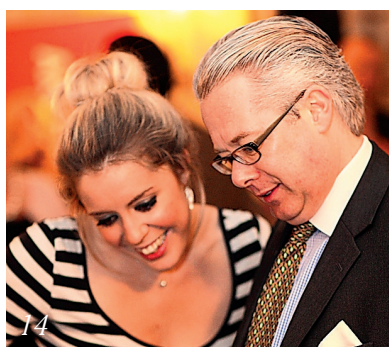


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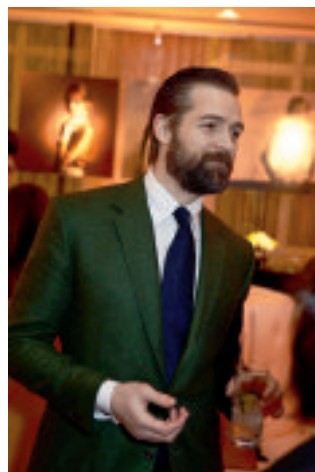
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Clockwise from top left: Ben Duncan and Reece Sanders; Sam Hoare; Olivia Inge and Helena Christensen; Leah Weller and Tolula Adeyemi; Harold Tillman and Ozwald Boateng; Patrick Grant; Scott Young and Noelle Reno; Zafar Rushdie and Olivia Grant



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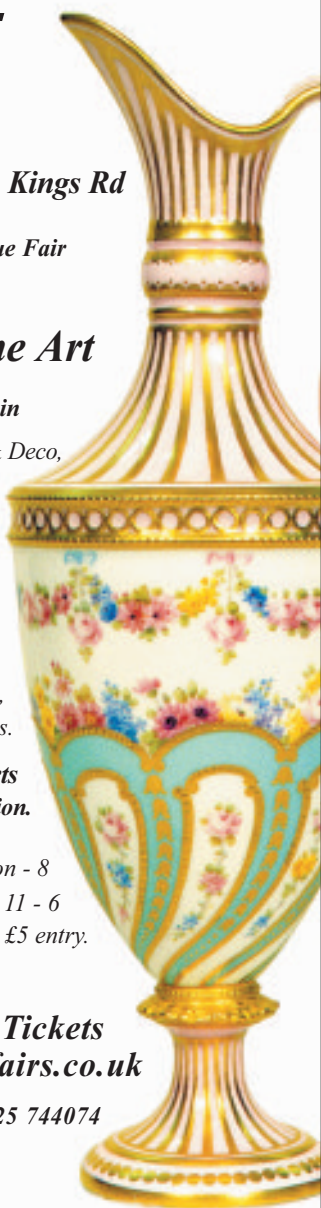
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15 The Affordable Art Fair has grown to be one of the most hotly anticipated art events in London, where Tracy Emin's sit among the work of amateur artists. Go for the fine art, stay for the wine bar in the outdoor marquee, designed by Flor Unikon. Battersea Park, affordableartfair.com

FRIDAY

16 The Ideal Home show has returned to Earls Court for its 104th year. With over 600 exhibitors, expect the best in home improvements, gardens and gadgets inspiration and a special treat from the Gadget Show's Suzi Perry. Until 1 April. Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, SW5 9TA, idealhomeshow.co.uk

TUESDAY

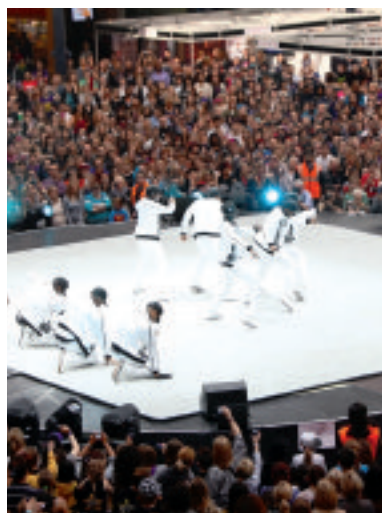
20 Hester van Wijngaarden will display her energy-filled animal paintings of bull fights and horses at the Osborne Studio Gallery. Award winning sculptor Ann Campbell will also be exhibiting her animalistic clay sculptures. 2 Motocomb Street SW1X 8JU osg.uk.com

SATURDAY

03 An event led by Bass Guitar Magazine, Olympia hosts two days of live music, masterclasses and an opportunity to save on top bass guitar makes. Artists Tony Butler and TM Stevens will be in the masterclass suite. Olympia Conference Centre, Hammersmith Road, W14 8UX londonbassguitarshow.com

FRIDAY

09 MOVE IT the dance and performing arts event takes place until 11 March. Olympia Grand Hall, Hammersmith Road, W14 8UX, 020 7385 1200, moveitdance.co.uk



SUNDAY

18 Find your best green outfit and make your way to a Trafalgar Square for a free day of Ceili dancing and traditional Irish music at the Mayor's St Patricks Parade. The event begins at Green Park at 12pm and will proceed through London to Trafalgar Square. london.gov.uk/stpatricksday

WEDNESDAY

21 The Chelsea Antiques Fair is to be held in the Old Town Hall, with exhibitors ranging from Baron Fine Art to Ashleigh House. Run by Penman Antiques, every item is vetted by expert dealers. Until 25 March. 01825 744074 Chelsea Old Town Hall, Kings Road, SW3 5EE penman-fairs.co.uk



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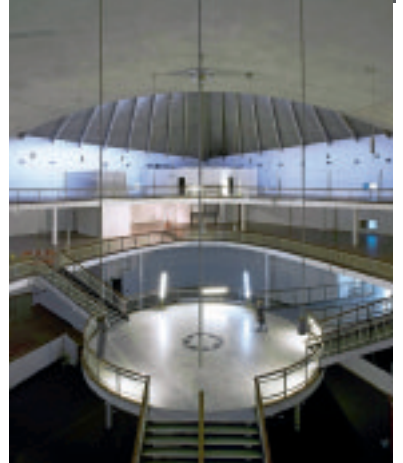
By Nina Theoharis



Left: Lamia Joreige
A Journey 2006
Film still
2006 Lamia Joreige



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The Secrets of Edgware road

A new collection at the Serpentine will unveil three years of research compiled by the gallery's Edgware Road Project. The exhibition will showcase video installations, films, workshops and live performances, both at the Serpentine and the Centre for Possible Studies, the home of the project. Named 'On The Edgware Road' the exhibition links a number of artists with the eclectic mix of Edgware locals. The diversity of the local residents and their interests are reflected by the varying practices of the artists invited to take up residency at the Centre for

Possible Studies. Participating artist, Rania Stephan, winner of the Sharjah Biennial Prize 2011, will be screening her film *The Three Disappearances* of Soad Hosni (2011), as well as films by over 60 people on Edgware road. The exhibition will mark the launch of a new series of programmes for the Edgware Road Project including *Direct Speech Acts II* by artists no.w.here. With its history dating back to Roman London, Edgware Road has a past worth exploring.

On the Edgware Road
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An Exhibition at the Serpentine Gallery and the Centre for Possible Studies



Royal approval

An innovative new Tri-borough service that was implemented to tackle young offenders and gang crime in west London was visited by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal recently. She visited the team in their headquarters in North Kensington

as patron of the Restorative Justice Council, which aims to establish communications between those harmed by crime or conflict and those responsible.

Read all about it

The libraries of Kensington & Chelsea will be awash with critically acclaimed authors in March as part of The Bloomsbury Season. This month will see Lady Antonia Fraser discussing her book, 'Must You Go?' about her life with playwright Harold Pinter. BBC Correspondents Richard Hamilton and Mark Harper will also be on hand in March to discuss their latest books and answer questions.

Tickets are priced at £5 (£3 conc)
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A welcome addition

The former Commonwealth Institute building in Kensington is set to be the site for the creation of the world's leading museum of design and architecture. The Design Museum has unveiled plans with designs for the site and will open to the public in 2014, giving the museum three times more space to showcase its collection. Having been laying dormant for more than a decade, Kensington will at last be able to welcome another cultural site into the area, alongside the existing V&A, Science Museum, Natural History Museum, Royal College of Art and Serpentine Gallery. The Design Museum has a fundraising target of £44.66 million, 60% of which was already been secured through various trusts and foundations. Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, said 'From the Olympic Park to the new bus for London, our city is a hotbed of creativity, the epicentre of design, and deserves a world-class museum to celebrate the amazing work being created here in the UK and around the world. Housed in an iconic architectural landmark and offering state of the art learning facilities, this new museum puts design firmly in the spotlight and will become a must see destination for visitors as well as designers and students.'

Unlocking the past

Kensington Palace is about to reopen this spring with a new look. Nina Theoharis explores this very special of royal residences

This year will see London cement itself once again as the megacity it has become with two spectacular events hosted in the capital. The Olympic Games and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee are occasions that will see visitors from around the globe descend upon the city and soak up everything it has to offer. In keeping with this therefore, it is with much anticipation that this March will see the reopening of the

new residence of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Kensington Palace. Some £12m has been invested into the project to upgrade the whole visitor experience, with new landscaped public gardens, gift shops, a café and learning centre. Inside, the 18th Century State Apartments will be brought to new life with live performance and displays from the Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection and a permanent exhibition entitled



Victoria Revealed as well as temporary housing of five of Diana's dresses will all be on view.

Sir Trevor McDonald, Trustee of Historic Royal Palaces, said, "I'm truly excited to be part of this ambitious initiative that will enable many more people to explore this palace of extraordinary history, opening its doors, its rooms, its memories, its stories, its gardens and its collections to the widest possible audience."

To date, much of the funds have been provided by Historic Royal Palaces with additional assistance from the Heritage Lottery Fund and various foundations and charities including The Cadogan Charity, The Clore Duffield Foundation, The Foyle Foundation, The Gosling Foundation as well as numerous donations from palace visitors and HRP members.

So before all the fireworks begin, be sure to take a stroll this spring to one of the best green spaces London as to offer and explore the wonder that is one of the less ostentatious but no doubt spectacular residences belonging to the royal family. »»



Main picture: The new revamped Kensington Palace; Above, top to bottom: the Victoria statue surrounded by new landscaping; the new landscaping overlooking the lake; builders at work around the palace; artist's impression of the new Kensington Palace

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Victor Victoria

It is only fitting that in the year of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee that a nod is given to that other great female monarch who ascended the throne at a similarly young age and reigned for as long a period. Queen Victoria has always fascinated the British people and the world, spawning films, books and television programmes all attempting to discover who she was and what she was really like as a person.

Within the regeneration of Kensington Palace this year comes a new permanent exhibition entitled *Victoria Revealed*, set inside the rooms she lived in as a child. Exhibits are set to include paintings by Franz Xaver Winterhalter and Sir Edwin Landseer, gifts that Queen Victoria exchanged with Prince Albert upon their engagement. Her wedding dress, jewellery and the more oft-seen mourning clothes alongside other personal objects will all be on display.

Visitors will be given the opportunity to learn about Queen Victoria's first day as Queen at Kensington Palace, the early days of her romance with Prince Albert, their life together as a family as well as aspects of Prince Albert's involvement in the 1851 exhibition. As a break from the norm, visitors will also be able to participate in the experience with replica Victorian toys, clothes to try on and interactive displays. »



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Clockwise from top: Queen Victoria's wedding dress; Victorian dolls in production; retouching of personal possessions in preparation for the display

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Fit for a princess

Diana, Princess of Wales was at one time the most photographed woman in the world, whose sense of style transcended that of her family and the time in which she lived. Much like that of her son's new wife, Catherine Middleton, her clothing was scrutinised on an almost daily basis, with royal visits and engagements being as much about the occasion as well as her attire. Designers could be catapulted into the stratosphere with just one item being worn by the princess, their name forever associated with an icon of the 20th Century.

So it comes as a somewhat treat that Kensington Palace is giving visitors the opportunity to see five of the dresses that Diana chose to wear on various royal occasions, up close and personal. Whilst her public life was exactly that, more public than anyone could ever imagine, most would have only ever seen her clothes on television or in magazines. Now there is the chance to see them in reality and while they may be presented on anonymous mannequins, the sense of history and memory that they were once worn by such a special person in British history, will no doubt shine through.

The dresses, which will be on display alongside fashion illustrations and photographs reflect some of the most important and memorable times in Diana's life. This includes the famous strapless, black evening gown by Emanuel that Diana wore on her first official engagement with the Prince of Wales and more importantly, is the first time it has ever been on public display. »

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1. Fuchsia and purple silk chiffon sari style dress by Catherine Walker, worn during a Royal Tour of Thailand in 1988. Lent by the Museo de la Moda, Chile.
2. Black ribbed silk shift evening dress by Gianni Versace, worn to the premiere of Apollo 13 at UIP House in Hammersmith, 1985. Lent by Suzanne and Jess King.
3. Classic formal dinner dress of ivory silk crepe by Catherine Walker, worn for a State Banquet for the King and Queen of Malaysia in 1993. Lent by the Museo de la Moda, Chile.
4. Black and white cocktail dress by Belville Sassoon Lorcan Mulla, worn on a number of occasions including a gala performance at the London Coliseum in 1991. Lent by the Museo de la Moda, Chile.





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Room with a view

The King's and Queen's state apartments at Kensington Palace started as the centre of royal and political life for William and Mary, Anne, George and George II during the 17th and 18th centuries. Now, through the Historic Royal Palaces investment, the apartments contain multi-medium installations, live interactive theatre and splendid costume, all for visitors to understand and truly experience life during these times.

The Queen's Apartments provide a peek into the lives of Mary II and Queen Anne and the House of Stuart. The story told will speak of a family with many secrets that would affect the entire nation. Queen Anne during her lifetime had some seventeen pregnancies and of them only five children were born live. Of these, the only one to survive infancy was Prince William, the Duke of Gloucester who died at the age of 11. Again, the story here will look at Prince William's time at the palace, his precarious health and the worry he brought his family by potentially being in line for the throne. Each room within the Queen's Apartments will have hidden clues and secrets to be discovered from whispering objects to talking walls and thus visitors will be actively encouraged to interact with the installations as well as view personal items such as diaries and letters belonging to those who once lived here.

The King's Apartments are architecturally grand and beautifully painted and the exhibition will seek to explore court life during these times. Games of flattery were played in order to achieve influence and power with the King and back then, a mixture of celebrity, politics and fashion all combined to ascend the ladder and become part of the King's inner circle. Visitors will discover how the unwritten rules worked, how to dress flawlessly with items from the Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection exhibiting pieces that have never been seen in the public domain before.

And once again, interaction will be key since encouragement will be made to play and recreate the hive of activity that once took place in some of the rooms, from playing cards by collecting and swapping to discovering hidden clues in order to get the perfect hand. It would appear that the whole experience is for a 21st century audience set in centuries before – cleverly mixing the old with the new in order to raise the bar in exhibition style. Kensington Palace holds memories and stories from the past, just waiting to be heard, read and seen in a brand new light. }

Clockwise from top, the King's staircase and ceiling; the Cupola Room; the King's Gallery facing east





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SPOTLIGHT *on* LONDON

It's a big year for the capital in 2012 – and Jason Gale will be in the centre of it. Mark Kebble meets up with the founder of the London Lifestyle Awards

Sometimes it's the little things that really count. Coming into London from Kent every day, bleary-eyed after another 20 minutes of standing on a cramped train, it can be difficult to lift one's spirits for another day at the office. But a simple smile, hello and a cracking cup of coffee always does the trick.

My personal pleasure comes courtesy of mega chain Starbucks, which probably won't be up for Best Coffee Shop at the London Lifestyle Awards 2012 – but then again, there's a lot of competition. Marking the launch of the third year for the awards, I am meeting founder Jason Gale at Café Bohème in Soho and it's a fabulous little offering. Tucked into the corner, coffee in hand, watching the world idle by – you can see why the man behind the London Lifestyle Awards felt the humble coffee shop needed its own category.

On a personal level, I have known Jason since before the first awards made their bow in 2010 and regular readers will know we have supported him ever since. Jason's enthusiasm was infectious and we were pleasantly surprised with what he created at first time of asking – only to build on the success last year with

a fabulous night at the Park Plaza Riverbank. Our very own Henry Conway was in the running for an award, and amongst the many highlights was an impromptu singing performance by the lady dubbed the 'Hackney Heroine' following last year's riots, Pauline Pearce. Keep an eye out for more from her in the future.

So to 2012 and it's an understatement to say this is a big year for London. Jason was the first person to bring together an awards ceremony to truly celebrate all of the capital, and thanks to the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee, everyone else will be joining in this year. To mark the growth of the London Lifestyle Awards, we will be running a feature every month in the run up to the event on October 3rd, delving a little deeper into each of the categories and speaking to some of the major players involved in their particular industry.

The chance to vote for your favourite getaway is now open – launched on Valentine's Day, such is the love for London – and here are the categories for 2012 (and a little reminder of who walked away victorious last year):

Pictured above:
the champagne
reception at last
year's London
Lifestyle Awards

London Bar of the Year
2011 winner: McQueen

London Restaurant of the Year
2011 winner: Searcy's National Portrait Gallery

London Coffee Shop of the Year
2011 winner: Benugo Café & Deli

London Theatre Show of the Year
2011 winner: The Lion King

London Fashion Retailer of the Year
2011 winner: Bolongaro Trevor

London Cultural Attraction of the Year
2011 winner: Victoria and Albert Museum

London Live Music Venue of the Year
2011 winner: Hootananny

London Club of the Year
2011 winner: Public

London Festival of the Year
New Category for 2012

London Beauty/Spa Facility of the Year
2011 winner: Taylor Taylor

London Health & Fitness Facility of the Year
2011 winner: The Third Space

London Hairdressing Salon of the Year
2011 winner: Errol Douglas

London Hotel of the Year
2011 winner: Sanctum Soho

London Concierge Company of the Year
2011 winner: Quintessentially

London Member's Club of the Year
2011 winner: Home House

Green Contribution to London
2011 winner: Barclays Cycle

Outstanding Contribution to London
2011 winner: Christopher Moran

London Personality of the Year
2011 winner: Caroline Monk

All worthy winners, but we are looking at our readers to champion their own personal favourites – so get the ball rolling at londonlifestyleawards.com. And what does the man behind it all think about things? Well, we have decided to give Jason Gale his own column from this issue, so over to him... }



Personality of the Year 2011: Caroline Monk



Hairdresser of the Year 2011: Errol Douglas



Cultural Attraction of the Year 2011: V&A Museum



Theatre Show of the Year 2011: The Lion King



I was born in Cambridgeshire and brought up in Yorkshire, and before I was 20 had only visited London once. One or two cynics may say that I am not ideally placed to organise the annual celebration of the capital through the London Lifestyle Awards. I naturally will beg to differ as I think my grounded Northern roots and experiencing London at a more mature 28 with the maelstrom of youth behind me actually made it instrumental in my constant eulogising of the greatest city in the world.

I experienced more UK cities in my 28 years as my career then had me all over the UK, so London was the cherry on top of the cake. Creativity, beauty, art, entertainment, opportunity and money: it enables me daily to be excited and I often find that the biggest celebrators of London are those who spent the early part of their lives in smaller UK towns which they deem claustrophobic, inferior and dull.

I was reminded of a night from an old friend, congratulating me on the awards. "We started off having a five star spa afternoon at The Landmark, had an early dinner at Nobu, crossed over to The Mayfair Hotel for Espresso Martini's where rock stars were dancing on the tables before cabbing to Shoreditch McQueens where we danced before joining others at Zebrano bar, popping into Bungalow 8 where there were more celebrities around every corner and then ended up in Balans at 4am for breakfast with some drag queens. This Saturday I will be in Pizza Hut in Milton Keynes...god how I miss London."

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Ocean *living*

Judith Wilson helps to bring some
seaside chic into your home



If the fashion catwalks are anything to go by, this spring we should all be heading to the ocean. But for those who can't escape to a seaside cottage, help is at hand. Many high street stores are brimming with sea-inspired themes this season. With its key elements of white-washed walls, striped fabrics and tactile surfaces, coastal style is a simple look to interpret and easy to live with. Interior designer Charlotte Crosland says, "There is nothing more appealing than a beach house done in coastal style, as it gives the most relaxing atmosphere."

First, get the bones right. Tactile, rustic surfaces come first, and that means cleverly sourced materials. For designer Marion Lichtig, who completed the

design for a house in Cornwall last year, textures are key. "Use natural fabrics, from tongue and groove on the walls with light paint colours, to seagrass or wood on the floor," she says.

For a more sophisticated edge, white marble in the bathroom looks beautiful and fresh. Designer Robert Carslaw, who has offices in London and Cornwall, enjoys using indigenous materials. "I'll look for granite and slate and integrate them with oak or beech," he says.

Blue and white creates a clean palette, but go simple with stripes and plains, and avoid nautical motifs. New in at Ian Mankin is a range of real indigo dyed cotton in plains, stripes and checks, including

Above, Runaway
Coast striped bed
linens



Clockwise from top, scented candles from The White Company; mugs by Barefoot By The Sea; oak platters by Barefoot By The Sea



Indigo Hopsack Ink (\$35 m) that fades like denim jeans. Sanderson have also added pretty blue fabrics and wallpapers to their SS12 range. For upholstery, opt for loose-weave linens in white or pebble, and keep curtain treatments crisp, from unlined gauzy cottons to wooden shutters. You can embellish the traditional white and blue palette. "Colours from the coastal landscape can look great - moss, heather, gorse, earth and berry shades create depth," adds Robert Carslaw.

As for accessorising, keep things pure. There are some excellent online decorative accessory companies with rich pickings. At the Atlantic Blanket Company (atlanticblankets.com) you'll find wool throws and picnic rugs, and The Barefoot Kitchen in Cornwall (barefootkitchen.com) has charming Barefoot by The Sea mugs made in St Ives and oak platters also handmade in Cornwall. Pure Coastal (purecoastal.co.uk) has old-fashioned deckchairs made from sustainable wood and recycled sailcloth. And at the coastal-inspired accessory company, Runaway Coast (runawaycoast.com) you'll find striped bed linens and giant coastal stripe floor cushions in fresh shades of blue, pink and red.

For Claudia Roberts, founder of Runaway Coast, the key ingredients for coastal style are freshness, with pure colours, and also reusing

what is available. "That means going crabbing with the children, and blowing up the photograph you took into a piece of art, or finding an old Hungarian grain sack and reupholstering a chair," she says. She also advocates simplicity of style. "A clean uncluttered approach to decorating allows your mind to instantly take on a new holiday relaxation mode," she says. It is sound advice, whether applied to a holiday home or an urban flat.

And perhaps that is the key, because coastal style works its magic anywhere. So hang some crisp, striped Anatolian towels - Toast has the prettiest selection - in the bathroom, pile the sofa with linen striped cushions, and line up shells, picked up on last year's holiday, along the mantelpiece. Finally, indulge in a scented candle in Driftwoodor Seychelles from The White Company and imbue your home with the delicious the scent of the ocean. }

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A milestone year

Duke of York Square will be the setting once again for the BADA Antiques & Fine Art Fair, only 2012 brings with it an anniversary and that little something special

For some 20 years, the BADA Antiques & Fine Art Fair has been showcasing the country's leading art and antique specialists with some of the most spectacular items on view. This anniversary year sees the fair return to Duke of York Square with a variety of events to commemorate reaching this milestone.

More than 100 exhibitors will display a varied selection of furniture, paintings, silver, jewellery, ceramics, clocks and much more. Among others, antique dealers Godson & Coles will exhibit a rare pair of Regency period carved, bronzed and gilt window seats made in 1810 as well as a pair of George III period giltwood pier mirrors dating back to 1765. And Anthony Woodburn will be showing a William III walnut and marquetry longcase clock circa 1700 by Jonathon Lowndes (pictured here). >>



William III walnut and marquetry longcase clock, circa 1700, Jonathon Lowndes



This year's loan exhibition entitled *Pomp, Pageantry and Protection* features a selection of 16th, 17th and 18th Century ceremonial polearms from the personal bodyguards of the Royal Houses of Europe. Not only is this the first time these items have been exhibited but this also is the largest collection of etched and gilded hafted weapons assembled over the last 45 years.

On 22nd March, HITS (Head Injury Through Sport) will host a charity gala dinner, raffle and auction at the Cellini restaurant in celebration of the anniversary. HITS was recently set up by BADA participant Sandra Cronan, alongside Greta Morrison and Francesca Schwarzenbach – all of whom were involved in the world of polo – to raise awareness and funds for the National Hospital of Neurology and Neurosurgery.



BADA has paired up with The Resident and is offering readers two tickets for the price of one into the fair on presentation of this page at the ticket desk. Tickets include a free BADA handbook and two re-entry passes for a subsequent visit. Tickets for the gala dinner are priced at £200 per person and can be obtained by visiting sandracroan.com

Clockwise from top: George III carved glitwood chair circa 1765; Picasso Tripode 1881-1973; Devant de Corsage Theodore B Starr circa 1905; Set of 6 Piero de Fomasetti plates



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Food & drink



Calling all families

Sunday lunch has returned to Mews of Mayfair so there is no excuse not to go out and indulge in some fabulous cooking at the weekend. Obviously you can enjoy the delights of a traditional Sunday roast, that goes without saying, but the full a la carte menu is also on offer with some fantastic dishes such as Assiette of Black Faced Lamb, Steamed Spinach and Tapenade. What's more, diners will be given a complimentary Bellini or Bloody Mary upon arrival and if that wasn't enough to whet the appetite, children under nine eat for free. No excuses now!

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Deluxe delights

Crisp Confit Duck Leg, Black Pudding and Salad Lyonnaise

It's worth noting that this dish takes two days' preparation, but the duck legs can be cooked well in advance. It is a relatively cheap dish, very French, and quite straightforward and easy to serve.

Serves 6

200g French beans, trimmed and cut into 4cm lengths

1 Morteau sausage (about 300g)

200g garlic sausage

200g unsmoked bacon lardons

10g unsalted butter

2 x 150g French black puddings

6 tablespoons Simple Vinaigrette

2 heads of curly frisée (white part only), leaves separated

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

100ml Red Wine Jus (please see below)

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
sea salt and freshly ground white pepper

For the duck confit
500g coarse sea salt

1 sprig of thyme

1 sprig of rosemary

4 garlic cloves

1 teaspoon black peppercorns, crushed

6 duck legs (about 160g each)

2kg duck fat

1. First, prepare the duck confit – this needs to be started 2 days in advance. In a blender or food processor, blend the salt, thyme, rosemary, garlic and peppercorns together until the herbs and garlic have completely broken down. Pour half of this mixture on to a tray large enough to hold all of the duck legs side by side, then place the duck legs on top. Cover the legs with the remaining salt mixture. Cover with

cling film, then leave in the fridge for 24 hours.

2. Remove the legs from the salt, brushing off any excess, then discard the salt mixture. Rinse the legs thoroughly under cold running water.
3. Melt the duck fat in a large casserole, add the duck legs and return the fat to a slow simmer. Cover with a lid, transfer the casserole to an oven preheated to 120°C/Gas Mark 1/2 and cook for 3 hours or until the meat is tender (you should be able to remove the thigh bone easily with your fingers). Carefully remove the casserole from the oven and leave the duck legs to cool to room temperature in the fat. Using a slotted spoon, remove the legs to a cling-film-lined tray, placing them skin-side down, then refrigerate for 24 hours or until completely chilled.
4. Blanch the French beans in a large pan of boiling salted water for five minutes, then refresh in iced water, drain and set aside.
5. Put the Morteau sausage in a pan, cover with cold water and bring to the boil, then immediately refresh under cold water for five minutes. Drain. Cut both the cooked Morteau sausage and the garlic sausage into quarters lengthwise, then cut them into 3mm-thick slices. Place the bacon lardons in a very hot frying pan with the butter and cook until golden, then drain and set aside.

6. To reheat the duck legs, place them in a very hot, ovenproof frying pan skin-side down (you don't need any fat in the pan) and cook over a high heat for two minutes, then transfer the pan to an oven preheated to 200°C/Gas Mark 6 for 12 minutes. Remove from the oven and use a fish slice to ease the skin from the bottom of the frying pan. If the skin isn't golden enough, cook over

a medium heat on the hob until golden and crisp. Remove from the pan and keep warm.

7. Cut the black pudding into 1cm-thick slices. Lay the slices in a lightly oiled baking tray and cook under a medium grill for four minutes or until heated through.
8. To serve, heat the French beans, sausages and bacon lardons together in a saucepan over a medium heat until they are warmed through. Transfer to a mixing bowl, add the vinaigrette, frisée, parsley and some seasoning and gently toss together. Divide the salad between six serving plates, place the duck legs on top and the black pudding around. Spoon the red wine jus around the outside of the plates and finish with a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil.





Apricot and Chocolate Soufflé with Dark Chocolate Sorbet

Serves 6

This is one of the best marriages of ingredients imaginable. Don't be too frightened about making a soufflé – this one is based on a fruit purée thickened with cornflour to stabilise it, and is really very forgiving. You can even make up the soufflés and put them in their dishes several hours in advance, then cook them just before serving – which is what we do in the restaurant.

For the chocolate sorbet
100ml still mineral water
50g caster sugar
30g dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids), chopped
15g cocoa powder

For the soufflé base
400g apricot purée
80g caster sugar
25g cornflour
3 tablespoons water

To finish the soufflé
40g softened unsalted butter, for greasing
100g dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids), grated
7 free-range egg whites
65g caster sugar
icing sugar, for dusting

the heat and simmer for 10 minutes, whisking occasionally. Remove from the heat, transfer the mixture to a plastic container or a bowl and place a piece of cling film on top so that it touches the surface (to prevent a skin forming). Leave to cool to room temperature.

3. To finish the soufflé, thoroughly grease six 200ml soufflé moulds with the softened butter. Put all of the grated chocolate into one mould, turning the mould so that the chocolate sticks to the butter and the inside is coated all over with chocolate, then tip the chocolate into the next mould and repeat this procedure until all of the moulds are lined with chocolate.

4. Using an electric mixer, whisk the egg whites and caster sugar together in a bowl until stiff. Transfer the soufflé base to a large bowl and, using a whisk, beat in two tablespoons of the stiff meringue. Gently fold in the rest of the meringue using a spatula. Transfer to a piping bag fitted with a wide plain nozzle. Pipe the soufflé mixture into the prepared moulds, filling each one just past the top so that when you then scrape a palette knife across, it forms a completely flat top. With your thumb, go around the edge of each mould to indent the mixture slightly. Place the moulds on a baking tray and cook in an oven preheated to 180°C/Gas Mark 4 for 10 minutes or until risen and with a slight wobble in the centre.

5. Dust the soufflés with icing sugar and serve immediately with a scoop of the chocolate sorbet separately.

Red Wine Jus

Makes about 150ml

1 tablespoon olive oil
4 shallots, finely sliced
1/2 garlic clove, finely sliced
1 sprig of thyme
50ml red wine
25ml port
150ml Brown Chicken Jus
5g chilled unsalted butter

1. Heat the olive oil in a heavy-based saucepan over a medium heat, add the shallots and garlic and cook slowly until golden brown and caramelised – this should take seven or eight minutes.

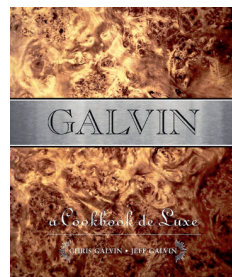
2. Add the thyme, red wine and port and bring to the boil, then boil until the mixture is reduced to three-quarters of its original volume. Add the brown chicken jus and bring gently to the boil, then simmer for 10 minutes.

3. Pass the mixture through a muslin-lined sieve into a small saucepan. Return to the heat and bring to the boil, then whisk in the cold butter.

4. Leave to cool, then store in an airtight container in the fridge for 2–3 days.

1. For the chocolate sorbet, put the water and caster sugar in a pan and bring to the boil, then pour on to the chocolate and cocoa powder in a bowl and whisk together to mix. Pass the mixture through a fine sieve, then transfer to an ice cream maker and freeze according to the manufacturer's instructions. Place in the freezer to set for at least two hours.

2. For the soufflé base, put the apricot purée and caster sugar in a pan, bring to the boil and boil for 10 minutes, until thick. Whisk occasionally and be careful not to let the mixture burn on the bottom. Remove from the heat and leave to cool slightly in the pan. Mix the cornflour and water together to make a paste. Whisk this into the reduced apricot purée and return to the heat. Bring back to the boil, whisking continuously to prevent the mixture going lumpy, then reduce



Recipes taken from 'Galvin: A Cookbook De Luxe' by Chris and Jeff Galvin (Absolute Press £25)
Photographs by Lara Holmes

My *Life* on a plate

Michelin-star winner Tom Aikens

What is your first memory of cooking?

Cooking with my mother and twin brother in the kitchen, making cakes and biscuits. The best part was then licking out the bowl of raw cake and biscuit mix. We must have been about five or six at this stage, and then we progressed on to cooking roasts by the age of 12.

Who inspired you to cook?

I have always been very driven and I have been very fortunate to have worked with many talented chefs. But the two that have been the most influential have been Pierre Koffmann and Joel Robuchon and they are both on different parallels of cooking techniques but equal in thought and attention.

When did you realise that you wanted to do this professionally?

By the age of 12, I had made the choice of not wanting to be stuck behind a desk but to be on the creative side and try cooking. I did not like school at all so then I thought, "Why not try cooking?" I failed most of my exams as I knew that's what I wanted to do, so I did not bother revising for any exams!

What are your favourite ingredients?

Simple things like maldon salt, delicious lemons, a beautiful olive oil, freshly picked herbs and, of course, a nicely aged piece of four bone rib.

How would you describe your style of cooking?

It's a lot more relaxed and honest than it was before. I would say with a good wine comes understanding and maturity, as does a chef when they develop. We are always improving on techniques and ideas. I am



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definitely an ideas kind of person and my cooking illustrates that. It's not sterile and contrived but free flowing and organic.

What is your food guilty pleasure?

Either a sticky toffee pudding, treacle tart or my mother's apple pie and custard. The choice is very hard to make - I don't have a particularly sweet tooth but with these, it's difficult to turn them down.

Which other chefs do you admire?

Pierre Koffmann, Joel Robuchon, - and all those that work for a cause to make great food for all our lovely customers.

What has been your most memorable meal to date?

I have had many for sure. It's always hard to pick one out that is truly the best and most memorable, as some have been the simplest food grilled on an open barbecue and some in a 3-star Michelin restaurant. I think the best has been lunch at Alain Ducasse in Monaco which was several years ago. The room is something else; I have never seen so much gold in one place and the level of service was on another level. He's an incredibly talented chef who really has built a fantastic empire with the correct morals and understanding of food.

What has been your biggest kitchen disaster?

When I was 19 I was a commis chef, we had a party of 35 for lunch and I was on the meat. They had roast chicken for the main course, and I forgot to cook it. The chickens got chopped up and dropped into the fryer. I will not name the place, but I got the biggest fright of my life.

Who do you most like to cook for?

Family and friends for sure, having the time to go shopping and find some great produce in a market and then pottering in the kitchen making a delicious meal for all to share.



Inside the all-new Tom Aikens Restaurant on Elystan Street

What's your favourite recipe at the moment?

The best for me is a simple roast chicken, stuffed with a quartered lemon, maldon salt, lemon thyme, black pepper, smeared in olive oil with added lemon juice and maldon salt. Roast at 170 degrees for approx 50 mins, leave to rest for 15 mins and then enjoy served with a big bowl of mash. I have always loved roast chicken and for me, this is the best way.

What's your all-time signature dish?

Very hard as we have just changed my whole restaurant and I think if you ask me in another 6 months then I will know. I am very happy trying lots of things and then I can see which ones I may keep as signature dishes.

What do you think the current trends in food are?

As it always is, keep it simple and treat great food with respect. Food is always evolving and changing and it's exciting to see all the new things that come around the corner. I think British food has more to give in terms of getting a bigger appeal and following. Steak places are still very popular...

What are your hopes for your reopened restaurant?

To have a full restaurant full of happy customers and that they keep coming back for more - and a happy team that works as slick as oil.

What would your last supper be?

A simple grilled rib eye steak, a great béarnaise sauce, the best french fries and some roast shallots, then a slab of treacle tart

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Great Britain

On the rise of good old fashioned British food

The French, they say, live to eat,” snarled Martin Amis in *London Fields*. “The English, on the other hand, eat to die.” Harsh words, sure, but hardly surprising. Because for the past five decades, British food has been synonymous with dull, lumpen bad taste. “An international joke,” wrote historian Phillipa Pullar, “as bad as any music hall mother in law.” The French sneer, as the Italians wince.

A few years back, they may have had a point. Brought to our knees by the strictures of WWII and rationing, food became more about po-faced survival than pure visceral pleasure. Then came convenience food and supermarkets, eroding further the already delicate foundations of our national diet. Despite being a temperate island, blessed with lush grasses, fine farmland and teeming seas and rivers, we developed a reputation as the land that taste forgot.

Recently, though, a throng of bright-eyed culinary nationalists have emerged, who proclaim that as a result of all the artisan producers, farmers’ markets and hand-raised pork pies, Britain is in the throes of a glorious food revolution. And that the country’s never had it so good. Sadly, this is as misguided as the foreigners who sneer at our food. Yes, there is a burgeoning British food culture, and we do care more about where our food comes from, and how it’s produced. We embrace the seasons, and our national cheeses have now overtaken France, in number as well as quality. But good food does cost more, and this so-called ‘revolution’ is a mainly middle class occurrence. Only when the whole country, from sink estate to stately, is eating a proper, balanced diet, can we sit down and applaud.

But there’s little doubt that we’ve rediscovered an old and fine culinary heritage. And when it comes to Modern British food, there are two undoubted high priests: Fergus Henderson and Mark Hix. Henderson, the man behind three branches of the iconic St John (stjohnrestaurant.com), celebrates every part of the beast. Dishes such as Roast Marrowbone with Parsley Salad, and Jugged Hare are resolutely British, without having to hoist up the bunting and bring out the flags.

Hix (restaurantsetcld.co.uk), too, is a modest champion, yet at his restaurants, you’ll find the very best native ingredients – oysters, asparagus, sea trout – beautifully cooked. All his places are British to their core. Just like Tom Pemberton’s (an alumni of St John) Hereford Road (herefordroad.org) in Bayswater, one of my favourite restaurants, full stop. As well as Great Queen Street and The Anchor and Hope, two more fine restaurants from the Henderson school of pared-back pleasure.

For the more traditional eater, there are a handful of grand old institutions where smoked salmon is sliced at the table, and great heaving trolleys of roast meat carved at your elbow. Wilton’s (wiltons.co.uk), on Jermyn Street, is an old-school pleasure place. My uncle’s two branches of Green’s (greens.org.uk) are equally clubby and civilised, and Rules (rules.co.uk), in Covent Garden, has been around since the Romans (or so it seems). Add in the elegant charms of The Goring Hotel (thegoring.com) and the Scottish powerhouse that is Boisdale (boisdale.co.uk) – not forgetting Richard Corrigan’s exceptional Corrigan’s Mayfair (corriganmayfair.com) – and you can eat good British until the Devon Reds come home. }



Mark Hix: one of Modern British food’s ‘high priests’. Above: Dishes from The Goring Hotel restaurant, and the hotel’s elegant dining room



No expense *spared*

John Williams MBE, executive chef at The Ritz on his hero-worship of the fish roe delicacy that is caviar



Above, John Williams MBE

There are not enough lines on this page, nor enough pages in this magazine, for me to fully extol all the virtues of what is undoubtedly the least humble of the ocean's gastronomic treasure chest: caviar. Over the last century, caviar has become synonymous with luxury and elegance. Today it remains one of the most exquisite – and expensive – of all delicacies; and whilst alternatives are cheaper, caviar is instant style and embodies the notion of celebration.

As the son of a fisherman, I was destined to develop a love for all things seafood from a very early age. However, as with most people, my first mouthful of caviar as a child was not my favourite and that unmistakable punch of salinity at the time caused my eyes to water and left a long lasting sense that caviar was not for me. Many years and a more rounded palate later, my passion for its smooth, nutty taste and buttery finish is unyielding and there is nothing that I feel more strongly about than this fact: caviar transcends food. From the moment my spoon encounters that tower of delicate, glistening stormy-tinted marbles to that final sound of polished shell ravenously etching into glass as I rescue the last nugget of black gold, I am suspended in a state of absolute, unspoken rapture.

The Ritz and caviar go hand in hand. At the Hotel, The Rivoli Bar serves the four 'Kings' of

caviar – Farmed French Oscietra, Rio Frio, Royal Belgian Oscietra and Farmed Bulgarian Beluga – meticulously partnered with their most inextricably linked bedfellow: vodka. In The Ritz Restaurant, we use caviar to accent dishes, sprinkling it like confetti over our Warm Native Lobster Salad or Halibut Darphin served with Smoked Oyster Mayonnaise.

When cooking with caviar outside of The Ritz kitchens, my favourite way to serve it is the classic way, dolloped atop bite-sized buckwheat blinis and real sour cream. Another luxurious yet simple dish that won't keep you in the kitchen all evening is caviar sprinkled onto baked baby new potatoes. rituals associated with eating caviar are plentiful.

As a general rule, there are a few that I follow. Avoid using metal spoons and opt for mother of pearl; keep caviar on ice until just before serving; and avoid cooking caviar as this diminishes its flavour. However, the most important thing to remember is this: there is no right or wrong way to eat caviar, it should be served and eaten in the way that gives you the most pleasure. Caviar is the main event and the grand finale all wrapped into one. Each mouthful is a gift from the gods and a little goes a long way. }

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Restaurant reviews

Les Deux Salons

40-42 William IV Street, WC2N 4DD,
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Food: ****

Atmosphere: *****

The third offering from Anthony Demetre and Will Smith, who previously opened Arbutus and Wild Honey, Les Deux Salons has now established itself as one of central London's premier dining destinations, offering food on a par with The Wolseley at a considerably kinder cost. Some would say that it's a less exclusive experience, but then it's easier to get a seat, and it's not as if the grand, Parisian bistro-styled interior is any less impressive than that of its Piccadilly neighbour. And there are several little twists that might well make this a superior overall experience.

We happened to visit on a Sunday at lunchtime, where there are numerous decently priced brunch items on offer, including the old favourites of a full English and Eggs Benedict. However we decided to have a break from the traditional and ordered from the abbreviated a la carte menu, beginning with a shared tart of sweet peppers and goat's curd, which was excellent. This was accompanied by a shared small carafe of succulent Californian Viognier; one of the charming details is that all the wine is available both by the bottle and by the 250ml carafe, allowing you to taste several different wines over the course of a meal, if you so wished.

For a main, I chose the calves' liver with bacon, which arrived in a miniature cassoulet and was delicious, as was my companion's cheeseburger, which was easily the equal of any of the more down-at-heel competition to have emerged lately. Desserts of ice cream and apple tart were reassuringly old school, feeling as traditional as the wooden panelling.

Service is a proper mix of the polite and the eager to help – a nice touch, and one common in America but less so here, is the iced water brought unbidden and often. Its continued success is unsurprising, and we look forward to many more visits.

By Alex Laman



Aubaine Mayfair

31 Dover Street, W1S 4ND
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Food: ***

Atmosphere: ***

The latest link in the Aubaine chain is an all-day boulangerie, patisserie and bistro done out in the trademark style that offsets distressed wood furniture with tempting displays of baked goods, ranging from baskets of bread to endless trays of cakes and viennoiserie. It's also a great addition to the Mayfair dining scene, where local restaurant-goers have never been spoilt for choice when it comes to casual dining at decent prices.

Blink and you'll miss the tiny Dover Street shop front, but there's plenty of space in the sprawling rooms within, where the 80-cover restaurant is complemented by bar seating for 15, a downstairs private room for 32, and a conservatory that will convert into a covered terrace for summer alfresco. The whole place is open all day, serving up breakfast as well as dinner, with brunch, lunch and tea in between.

Menus have a strong Mediterranean flavour, listing the likes of buffalo mozzarella with Heritage tomato jelly and basil, alongside roast rack of lamb with Niçoise garnish. We tried the octopus carpaccio, served wafer-thin with a scattering of fennel shavings and chilli, followed by a deliciously creamy lobster spaghetti with large chunks of slow-cooked tomato. Portions are generous (also quite a rarity in these parts) but there was no backing out on dessert once our waitress had brought the large tray showcasing the day's special patisserie selection to our table – a clever move, that! There were gorgeous-looking cakes, tarts and mille-feuilles, but in the end, we settled on some caramel macarons, which proved as tasty as they were pretty, served in a neat row of three atop a rectangular piece of slate. Next time, may just pop in for coffee and cake.

By Annica Wainwright



The Pantechnicon

10 Motcomb Street, SW1X 8LA
020 7730 6074

Food: ****

Atmosphere: ****

Part of the group of excellent and upmarket establishments that also includes The Grazing Goat, The Thomas Cubitt and The Orange, Belgravia's Pantechnicon restaurant does little to deviate away from a successful formula. Named after Motcomb Street's 19th century landmark building, it's instantly inviting and warm. As with the others, there is a buzzy, informal pub on the ground floor and a smarter and more upmarket dining room on the first floor. (The country house hotel-styled rooms of The Orange and The Grazing Goat are replaced by a top floor lounge.) We visited the restaurant earlier, which is gorgeously furnished with comfy leather chairs and a stripped wooden floor.

The food doesn't attempt to reinvent the tradition of British comfort eating, but what it does, it does very well indeed. A starter of seared scallops with smoked tomato and sausage is an erudite take on surf 'n' turf, and another appetiser of Barkham blue cheese and pear salad offered an atypically decent chunk of high-quality cheese with a tangy walnut dressing. So far, so good. Main courses of pork belly and pig's cheeks were both top class; we decided on balance that the belly was better than the cheek (a special), but both were very enjoyable, especially washed down with a good bottle of a Cabernet-Shiraz blend of wine, the splendidly named The Musician. Desserts of ginger brulee and chocolate and caramel fondant acted as a fitting end to a most succulent repast.

Of course, the Cubitt House group know that the formula they've come up with is a winner, and it will continue to prosper and thrive as long as the mixture of very good food, charming and personable service and great surroundings continue.

By Alex Larman



Hélène Darroze at the Connaught

Carlos Place, W1K 2AL
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Food: *****

Atmosphere: ****

For starters – no pun intended – the welcome that you receive at the Connaught is genuinely warm and friendly. Opting against the tempting-looking tasting menus (one six course, one apparently endless) my guest and I both decided that the a la carte was the way to go.

A starter of line-caught calamari with lobster, scallop and shellfish in rice with ink was pleasingly substantial, with the potentially contradictory flavours meshing beautifully. A similar delight awaited with a main course of venison served three ways, as rack, fillet and cannelloni. There was a lot going on before me, but the culinary alchemy ensured that it wasn't at all overwhelming. My guest was thrilled by probably the largest scallops I'd ever seen, and her starter of artichoke ravioli was so fine that I wasn't allowed to try any.

Puddings, including Yorkshire champagne rhubarb, are understated, and all the better for that. Somewhere like the Connaught specialises in very serious wine lists, and for those with hefty expense accounts there are some remarkable options; the Chateau Palmer 1990, for instance, is far from cheap, but it's one of those 'try-before-you-die' wines. For those on tighter budgets, the 2009 Chablis Le Clos Monopole is a fine by-the-glass option, served from enormous jeroboams to maintain the quality and the freshness of the liquid. Make sure that you have a digestif of Armagnac; the selection, from the Darroze family, offers what seems like virtually every good 20th century vintage. It isn't cheap at Hélène Darroze, but for those who love great food and fantastic wine, however, this is more than worth a pilgrimage.

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Au Francais
Knightsbridge is set to get its very own little corner of France when Galvin Demoiselle opens in the Food Halls at Harrods this month. The 55-cover bistro from the family-owned restaurant stable founded by Michelin-starred chef brothers Chris and Jeff Galvin will enjoy an elevated location overlooking the bustling shop floor below. Seasonal menus will mix signature dishes like confit pork cheeks and tarte tatin with the likes of lobster fishcakes and a 'Soups & Potages of the Day' selection, which may include a wild mushroom velouté or curry-spiced potage of mussels. There will also be patisserie for teatime.

Table *talk*

By Annica Wainwright



Girls Night Out
Top chefs from Brazil, South Africa and the USA will come together for 'Girls Night Out', a series of exclusive dinners organised by Angela Hartnett and wine writer Fiona Sims. Taking place at 1 Lombard Street in the City from 11th-13th March, each event will see a Champagne and canapé reception followed by a five-course meal with matching wines. Helena Rizzo (pictured, of Mani in Sao Paulo), Clare Smyth (of Restaurant Gordon Ramsay in Chelsea), and Margot Janse (of Le Quartier Francais in Franschhoek) are among those chefs cooking on the evenings.
For more information or to book, email el@jessen.co.uk

Fond of fondue?

Following a guest appearance on Heston Blumenthal's TV show *How to Cook Like Heston*, the national dish of Switzerland is currently having a big comeback. Waitrose reported a 189% year-on-year increase in sales of Comte (the cheese Heston recommended mixing with Gruyere for the ultimate fondue) in the week after the programme. While dusting off your own old set, check that the fondue forks are sturdy, as Swiss tradition dictates that anyone losing their piece of bread into the pot has to buy a round of drinks for everyone else at the table.



America's sweethearts

Always lugging bagfuls of 'candy bars' back from the States? You'll be pleased to hear that Asda now stocks a wide range of confectionery from Hershey's and Reese's. Among the sweet treats on offer are Hershey's Cookies 'n' Creme Bar, Hershey's Kisses Cookies 'n' Creme, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups Bars and Reese's Peanut Butter Cup Miniatures. Get stuck in y'all!





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the Breakfast at Tiffany's, Pretty Woman and When Harry Met Sally treatments that while cannot promise love, a knight in shining armour or indeed Meg Ryan's infamous 'scene' – it can promise a feeling of rejuvenation and money well spent!

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All *in the* bag

Carolina Herrera de Báez, daughter of the legendary fashion designer Carolina Herrera, launches the limited edition Mini Matryoshka Handbag Capsule Collection this spring. This beautiful selection of images shows the designer herself modelling the ultimate new accessory







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Lucy Pridden takes a look at jeans emporium
Donna Ida and how the trouser has shaped fashion

Donna Ida Thornton knows how hard it is to find the perfect jeans. After an uninspiring trip to one of London's leading department stores, where the staff didn't even attempt to help her navigate the denim styles on offer, she decided enough was enough. She would open a boutique selling good jeans with amazing service. Five years on, she is one of the most successful independent retailers in London with three Donna Ida stores in town and fourth in Guilford.

Donna has a knack of building good relationships with clients and designers. Back in her original Draycott Avenue store, she often worked on the shop floor selling alongside her staff and her gift of finding everyone the perfect jeans seems to have rubbed off. As the business has grown, so have the labels on offer and nowadays there's an amazing selection of clothes and accessories to go with the jeans.

Good denim might be easier to find, but still customers remain loyal to Donna as more often than not, she is the first to bring a new label to England and her regular designers come up with colour ways

and styles that are exclusive to her. Moreover, she actively builds relationships with her clients listening to their needs and making sure her stores can fulfill them. When clients complained they couldn't find great maternity jeans, she responded by offering a service where her alterations team would add a 'bump band' to their favourite pairs of jeans.

Her enthusiasm for what she does is infectious and it's no surprise that when the fantastic label, Nobody, from her native Australia, found itself without a distributor, Donna stepped in. She worked with the designers and launched the brand in the UK. Their colourful, flattering designs flew off the shelves last summer and this year they are back with an even bigger, better and brighter collection.

For Donna 2012 is all about consolidating her business and concentrating on making it even better. Recently she's been focusing on her website, which has been redesigned to make the buying experience more personal. There's a denim clinic advising on styles for everything from different figure shapes to comfort post caesarean section. Her aim is to mirror the level of service her clients receive in the shop. It



Donna Ida Thornton
in her Elizabeth Street
shop

will also make buying designer denim more accessible for her shoppers in areas like Australia and the Middle East where many brands are unavailable.

Since she opened her first boutique the denim market has exploded and the big labels have responded to demands from for more styles, different finishes, more colour and patterns. In her own words, 'jeans just aren't jeans anymore'. We go to work in them, we go out in them and most of us own between five and ten pairs. We may be swayed by what the A List are wearing this week, but above all we care about the finish, the cut and the fit and we don't mind paying for quality.

Donna's top tips for buying jeans are to be open minded, be prepared

Jeans aren't just jeans anymore. We go to work in them, we go out in them and most of us own between five and 10 pairs

to try on lots, always go down a size as the jeans will give, and if you are shopping for bootcut or flares, take along the heels you'll wear them with too. One thing is certain, if you visit Donna Ida they'll help you find your perfect pair. }

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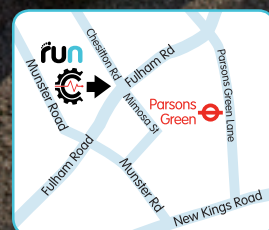
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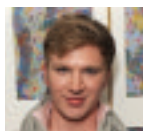
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Brighten your outlook with colour blocking, writes Henry Conway

Looking into fashion-land right now, you could be forgiven for thinking that spring has thoroughly sprung. As the fashion blogs and magazines are hailing the spring/summer collections, the thought of climbing out of your by now perfected combo of cashmere, jumpsuit and fingerless gloves into clothes that are sheer, light and downright draughty is too much to bare. That does not mean, however, that we have to be dull.

The colour revolution of Swinging Sixties fashion was a defining period for the export of London style, and its aesthetic is back in. Watch Antonioni's seminal 1966 film *Blow Up*, and the shape, colour and cut of the clothes will have never felt more relevant. Hemmings' white jeans with black boots have long been my winter mod inspiration, but Jane Birkin and Gillian Hills with their clashing tights and tunics look super contemporary. Try Emilio Cavallini for similar colour-pop tights, and transform a monochromatic tunic for a strong Carnaby look.

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Tights may be a cheap way to inject some winter colour, but it is coloured hats that will make you on trend. One stand-out look for the winter season has been the seventies glamazon seen at Gucci, so take inspiration from their jewel-toned fedoras, matched to equally tonal coats. My favourite fedoras come from Bates the hatmaker on Jermyn Street, who has moved into a space in Hilditch and Key. For spring/summer they have some wonderful beaver felt fedoras in violet, moss and cranberry. For something a little more affordable, head east and try Laird London on Columbia Road, with Baker Boy caps in tonal tweeds.

All things Carnaby are clearly having their moment, as the first stand alone Monki store opens on Carnaby Street this month. Their Selfridges space is whimsically spot-on for a London aesthetic. These jolly Swedes (who also own the super skinny jean brand Cheap Monday) will be bringing back a colour revolution to our most famous sixties shopping destination. Try a coral Inna skirt, and send your boyfriend over to get in the Mod mood at Liam Gallagher's Pretty Green flagship store.

Finally, jeweller Alex Monroe hosted a charming tea party at The Goring Hotel in Westminster, launching his Goring Shrimp. You get given one with high tea, and like his other nature-inspired pendants, its simple whimsy goes well with almost everything. I was transfixed at the Goring's rendition of Alex's most famous pieces in spun sugar – the Prince Regent would have been proud.

Princely offerings are clearly taking the moment – Faberge have sponsored the Big Egg Hunt around London, getting artists and designers to get creative with giant eggs that you have to find, dotted all over the city. I brought along my favourite painter, Holly Freen. Her egg, painted entirely with sprightly chickens, saw the whimsical in art as well as fashion win out for me – definitely the most 'eggcellent' version (arf arf). }

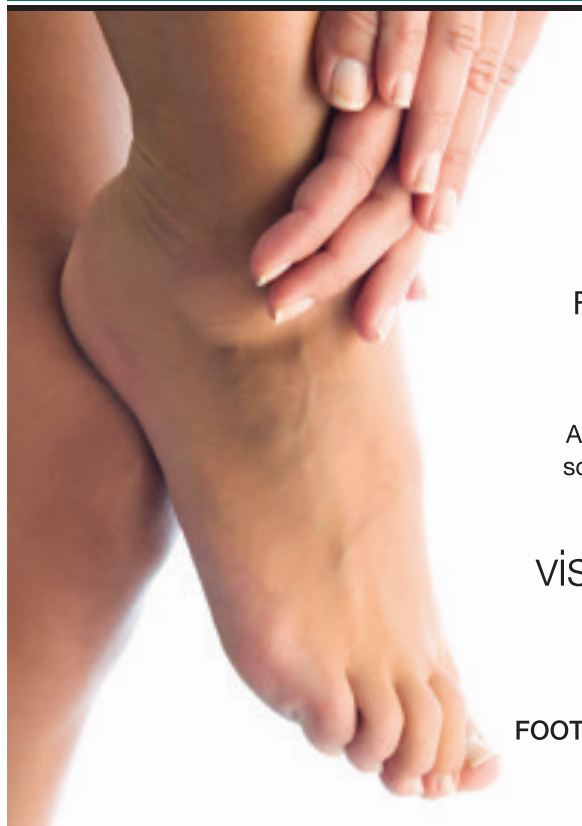
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Nailing it

Nails need some tending to? Then look no further than Tranquility, the new nail spa to open in Kensington. Having spent years working in Hertfordshire, the owners have now launched in the heart of The Resident's territory. Tranquility uses products such as OPI, Essie and CND Shellac and be sure to keep an eye out as the repertoire will soon be expanding to eyelash extensions, waxing, massage and spray tanning. Tranquility-salon.co.uk

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EF MEDISPA: *Leading the Way*

A look behind the scenes with owner Esther Fieldgrass

When EF MEDISPA was voted Best Clinic Chain at the Aesthetic Industry Awards last month, it was a confirmation by professionals in the beauty industry of how far Esther Fieldgrass has taken her one stop medical spa in the past five years. Now operating from Kensington, Chelsea and St John's Wood, EF MEDISPA offers a comprehensive range of rejuvenating and anti-ageing treatments from their signature 'old fashioned facial' through to body-sculpting using the latest radio-frequency technology.

EF MEDISPA has also pioneered the use of 'twilight' surgery for a whole range of cosmetic procedures, including ultrasound assisted liposuction and top quality breast implants.

Esther Fieldgrass explains: "When I coined the phrase 'Intelligent Skincare', it was to describe the type of cosmeceutical products that we use to support the skin's needs." Whatever skin condition you have, EF MEDISPA can help, from dry or oily, rosacea, mild acne, thread veins, right through to more severe dermatological conditions requiring medical intervention. As the flagship store for Skinceuticals and the newly appointed sole UK supplier of the prestigious Paris based Biologique Recherche, EF MEDISPA is the premiere destination

for skin analysis, skincare, skin resurfacing and pre-a-porter homework.

With her background in natural remedies and complementary medicine (she has been ranked by Vogue as amongst the UK's Top 100 healers), she believes that natural beauty starts from within, so as well as using the latest technological advances, EF MEDISPA has resident nutritionists, homeopaths, dieticians and colonic hydrotherapists who can help develop sensible regimes to assist in weight loss, add vitality and keep you looking radiant.

When you add to the mix their team of doctors and aesthetic nurses providing a full range of the most sophisticated anti-wrinkle injectable procedures, including a non-surgical facelift, and internationally renowned cosmetic dentists creating natural yet gleaming white smiles, it was hardly surprising that EF MEDISPA swept both the Aesthetic and Dental Awards in 2011.

With expansion plans, including bringing in additional new anti-ageing treatments from Europe and the USA and opening further clinics, EF MEDISPA is destined to repeat its success in the coming year. }

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Luxury at The Wyndham

Nourishing Anti-Ageing VOYA Facial at the Wyndham Grand Hotel London. By Josephine Grever

Situated in Chelsea Harbour, the Wyndham Grand overlooks a small marina with its handful of luxury yachts. It is also adjacent to the showrooms of the Interior Design Centre and within walking distance of the King's Road. According to the brochure this is "London's only five-star luxury all-suite hotel". While the décor and art work is undeniably corporate, it is a pleasant surprise to encounter the fresh looking environment of the hotel's Blue Harbour Spa: newly re-launched with a fully equipped fitness centre, 17-metre indoor pool, sauna and steam rooms, hair salon, six treatment rooms and a relaxation zone.

The Facial

Most treatments are based on VOYA, a range of skincare products whose main ingredient is ripe, hand-harvested seaweed from the wild Atlantic coast of Ireland. Seaweed with its profusion of vitamins and minerals is well known for its health-enhancing properties and in Ireland seaweed baths have been popular for over 300 years. The use of seaweed for skincare products is more recent. In 2001, the entrepreneur Mark Walton (whose family has owned seaweed baths in County Sligo since 1912) enlisted cosmetic scientists, marine biologists and dermatologists to develop the world's first certified organic seaweed skincare line.

Walton believes that – after years of research – this has brought a little extra excitement to the world of beauty regimes. He is convinced that Voya's unique mixture of anti-oxidant algae complexes, pro-collagen extracts and blend of organic ingredients does help to fight the signs of ageing. "All our products are suitable for sensitive skins," he adds. "And the company uses biodegradable or recyclable materials in all its packaging."

The Procedure

Make an appointment with Louise Coles who grew up in Sligo and has worked in this spa since 1990 when the hotel opened. Secondly, don't be put off by VOYA's twee product names – such as it's "Ritzzy Spritzzy" toner or the "Softly Does It" body moisturiser. "That's the Irish for you", comments Louise who likes to chat. "They are quite the little story tellers". She starts by double-cleansing the skin, first with a facial wash ("to lather away impurities"), then with a cleansing balm ("to deep-cleanse the face").

Next a scrub made from a blend of botanical herbs, seaweed extracts and spiny bamboo to remove dead skin cells. This is followed by a toner which helps to soothe and hydrate the skin. After applying a face serum and eye creme which smoothes out wrinkles, Louise massages the face, neck and head. She then covers the face with warmed organic seaweed leaves and – after 10 minutes – gently applies moisturiser. "Doesn't the skin feel smooth?" she asks. It does. "Interesting how times change," Louise says. "When I started here in the Nineties, men often left their wives for a younger model. Today it is the other way round. Isn't that lovely?"

Spa Score

A competently applied facial. The vitamins, minerals, amino acids and enzymes present in seaweed are potent anti-oxidants. No doubt, they contribute to better skin and better health. 8/10

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The unique programme combines six hours a week of her exercise method, alongside a rigorous dietary overhaul, for a six-week period. "Each week we train you in four 90-minute sessions in the comfort of your own home – bringing the gym to you and saving precious time," says Louise. "Some clients choose to do three 90-minute sessions over an eight-week period and the results are still exceptional."

It employs exercise and diet methods that radically shift fat and totally re-sculpt the body, without compromising metabolism. "It's so important to teach our clients how to boost their metabolism so that once they have lost the weight they can easily keep it off," she notes. "So many diets will get the weight off but your metabolism will come to a grinding halt or they are just not sustainable." The programme's emphasis on resistance work and an intelligent eating plan ensure the results that clients achieve are long lasting and, most of all, easy to maintain. "No aspect of what we do is extreme," she explains. "Every element of the plan is sensible, researched and proven to work," she says.

"My team are world class and without doubt some of the best in the country. Most come from a Sports Science background and we have two Olympic athletes amongst us. We all share a friendly, no-nonsense approach and between us we offer an unrivalled service to our clients. I'm proud to have such a talented team behind me." Louise Parker believes anyone can have a fantastic body – regardless of age, body type and starting point: "By following my method, you really will be blown away by how you can change your body shape."

Her programme is suitable for anyone wanting exceptional results, in record time. The Intensive is hugely popular with clients needing to be what she calls 'red-carpet ready' – whether that's for a wedding, new job-role or even the school run. "I love helping post-natal mums," she explains. "Since I had my

"The Intensive employs exercise and diet methods that radically shift body fat and totally re-sculpt the body, without compromising metabolism"

daughters in quick succession, I fully understand the challenges new mothers are faced with, and what has to be done to return you to your former glory."

Louise Parker designs each programme with one of her team before the programme commences, based on the individual's requirements and deadlines. A rigid, yet balanced food plan is devised, ensuring optimal results. Louise personally monitors your diet diary on a daily basis to ensure you are on the right track and that you get all the support and motivation you need to succeed. In six weeks, you will emerge looking better than you thought you ever could. What Louise Parker does isn't gimmicky, it is instead an intelligent combination of three factors – nutrition, training and lifestyle – delivered in just the right combination. "Providing you have made the decision to change and are willing to let us guide you," she asserts, "You simply cannot fail – clients routinely drop two dress sizes." There are many bespoke programmes available, and following a telephone consultation, Louise will advise a suitable programme and schedule to suit any objective, lifestyle and budget. Louise asks that new clients commit to a minimum of two hours per week to ensure that they achieve amazing results. Louise's team provide her programmes across London, Berkshire, Surrey, Kent and Hertfordshire with remote options for international clients. }

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And endocrinologist, Dr Katie Wynne, offers the opportunity to investigate the possibility that

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Every consultation is backed by TMCK's commitment to providing a service that supports and empowers the Patient. "At a clinical level, the specialists are here to inform and support the choices that the Patient makes," explains Dr McGonigal.

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"Patients describe the ambience as calm and reassuring and they place high value on the discreet and intimate environment here," she says. "We are immensely proud of our reputation as a facility that combines world-class medical care with a unique focus on personal attention." }



First up the aisle

Wedding expert Simon Liebel tells Catherine McCabe why the venue should be top of every bride's to do list

Planning a wedding can sometimes feel like choosing chocolate without a menu. Suddenly, the things you had always looked forward to are reduced to a series of stressful decisions. But, the most important choice is not always the most obvious – as seasoned party planner Simon Liebel explains, finding a venue is the core decision to help bring your wedding together: “One you’ve found your venue, if it works, just negotiate a price and sign on the dotted line, because that will then dictate everything else. It absolutely should be your first decision,” he says.

Having pulled off over 80 weddings in the last ten years from London to Rome and Hong Kong, Liebel has seen the nail biting choice made time and time again. So are you a ‘stately home in the Cotswolds’ type, or are edgy West London roof gardens your thing? Liebel believes that with the right motivation, any space can work, but comfort should be key. “Find a venue that fits to you, don’t try and fit to your venue. It should be a space where you can have your reception, dinner and dancing without having to move furniture around and reset spaces.”

A wedding day should reflect one’s identity, and so too should the space where you hold it. In and around London presents brides to be with some overwhelming choices, be it classic, modern or shabby chic. To help tick that all important box on your ten mile to do list, we’ve scoured the city for the best venues available. But as Liebel recommends, be sure to see at least five before making your definitive decision. “A venue is like a wedding dress, you always come back to the one you saw first!” he says. }

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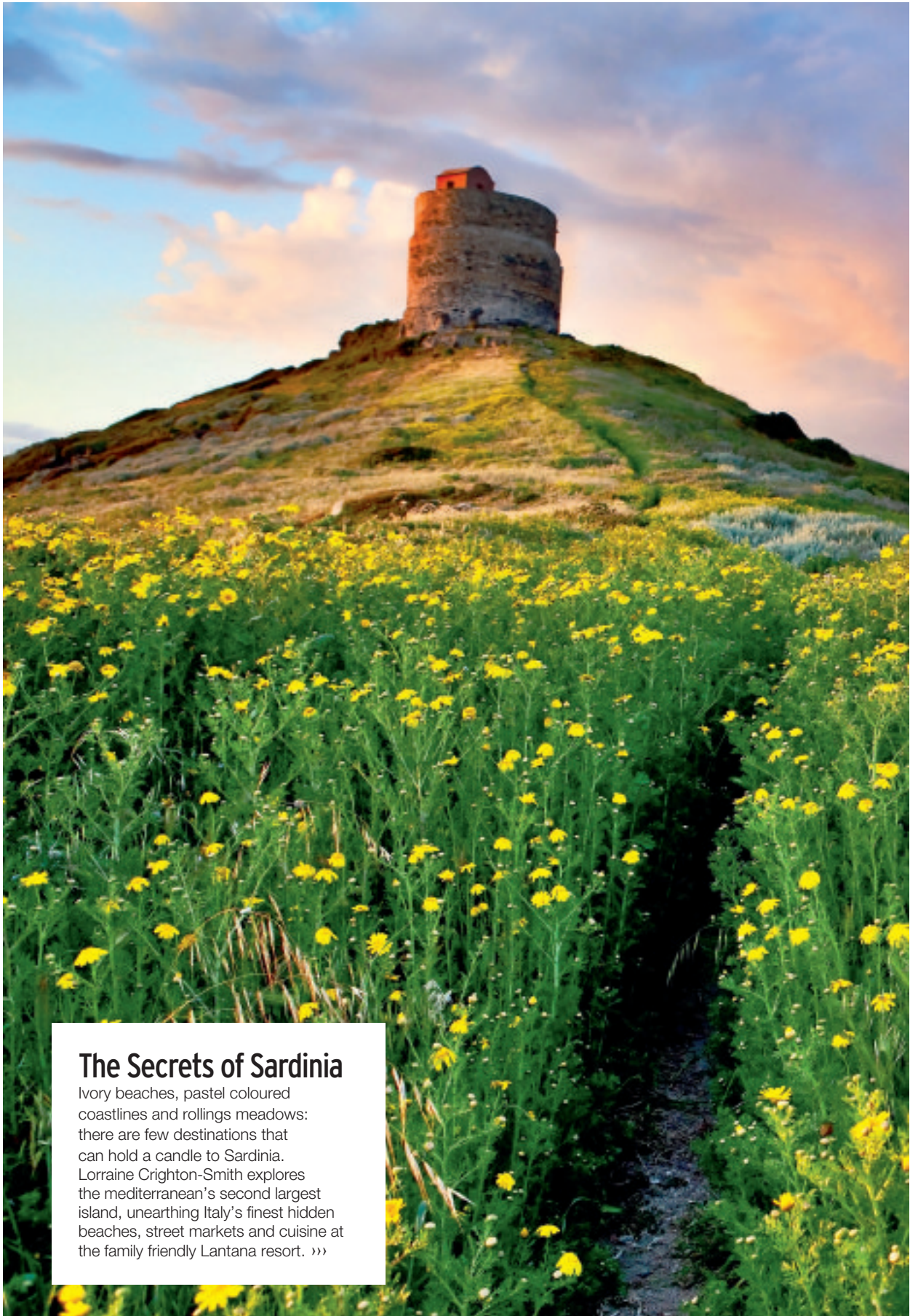


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The Secrets of Sardinia

Ivory beaches, pastel coloured coastlines and rollings meadows: there are few destinations that can hold a candle to Sardinia. Lorraine Crighton-Smith explores the mediterranean's second largest island, unearthing Italy's finest hidden beaches, street markets and cuisine at the family friendly Lantana resort. >>>

Idyllic *island*

Dreaming of escaping to warmer shores this summer? Then consider Sardinia's Lantana Resort, where family values combine with a Mediterranean culture, cuisine and climate to create a top holiday hotspot, suggests Lorraine Crighton-Smith

Sardinia is the second-largest island in the Mediterranean after Sicily. Without the controversial mafia links of its Italian isle sibling, and with its glorious white beaches, rich countryside and typical Med climate, it's an ideal holiday hotspot for Londoners longing for some short-haul sunshine. Set on Sardinia's south-west coast is Lantana Resort. Just 30km from Cagliari (home to the airport we touched down in after departing Heathrow fewer than four hours before) and on the outskirts of Pula, Lantana is a family-run resort, owned by the Gallia family, which has over 100 years' experience in the hospitality industry.

The resort takes its name from the Lantana flower, which is indigenous to the island and can be seen growing in the luscious, green grounds. Exotic plants and flowers give the hacienda-style hotel and apartments a colourful backdrop. There are 25 double rooms in the hotel, and 33 one- and two-bedroom apartments built in a semi-circle overlooking the outdoor swimming pool.

As well as its traditional style, the Gallia family ensure that their resort is an incredibly welcoming place to be. Guests return year after year, the Gallias tell us. Leaving all our worries behind as we stretch out on sun loungers by the pool, it's easy to see why.

Sardinian cuisine

Fresh seafood is a big fixture in Sardinian cuisine, as well as Italian staples such as pasta. Lantana's lasagne and gnocchi were big hits, as well as the juicy tomato and mozzarella salad. Once a week from June to September the Gallias host a BBQ evening, be it meat or fish on the terrace and, fortnightly, guests can enjoy a typical Sardinian supper complete with traditional music and dancing – in costume – for an authentic experience.

Perfect for families

As Lantana is a family-run resort families are more than welcome – and children are extremely well catered for. The grounds are spacious and feel safe enough to allow your little ones to run around (supervised) but a designated play area with swings and a hobby horse – as well as the shallow end of the pool – ensures that children aren't running riot while you're relaxing. Twice a week there are children's pool games – with a fully-trained English-speaking supervisor – and there's a baby sitting service available too. The two-bedroom garden apartments are ideal for families, sleeping up to six guests. Cots and additional beds, as well as breakfast, are complimentary for children up to four-years-old.



Head out to explore

Lantana mountain bikes are available to hire so you can cycle out to explore the area. Other adult activities that can be arranged are scuba diving, tennis, horse riding and trekking on the island's rocky terrain, as well as sailing and fishing trips.

Bored of the pool and want to feel the sand between your toes? Then head to Domus de Maria, and to Chia Beach. This tranquil white sand and turquoise sea section of the coast is a short drive south from the resort and is ideal for those seeking paradise-like shores. Chia is famous for its stunning sand dunes and the promontories of Cape Spartivento and Cape Malfatano.

For more active fun-seekers, head to The Laguna di Nora (lagunadinora.it), a natural marine shelter and a sea turtle rescue centre, a short drive from Pula. The lagoon is home to an aquarium that features Posidonia prairie, coral beds, tidal pool vegetation and fauna, where you can get up close and personal with a selection of typical Mediterranean fish (although be warned, the octopus has a slightly unnerving suction if you put your finger in the tank). There's a gallery (showcasing whale and dolphin 'skeletons') and the sea turtle rescue centre, where we saw two injured turtles being nursed back to health. Canoeing and snorkelling are activities available here too.

From the Laguna we strolled uphill to the ruins of the ancient city of Nora, which dates back to Phoenician times. Literature tells us that Nora was one of the first Phoenician allocations founded in Sardinia.

It is believed the city was built in the VIII century B.C. and was developed in the Punic period. It was then that Nora became a commercial and administrative religious centre. Strolling around the



Clockwise from opposite left: Lantana resort offers a shuttle service to Nora Beach; the pool at Lantana; the lounge; the outdoor terrace

ruins is fascinating; the remnants of thermal baths, mosaics and what was an amphitheatre are a few of the discoveries to explore. Further excavation is planned so there could be further archaeological finds. }

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HOMES FROM HOME

Vicky Smith takes up residence in three Scottish properties to explore a new wave of self-catering holiday

Above: A new breed of holiday home, Hoscote House in Roxburghshire, the perfect location for a country escape. Below: Historical luxury at Aikwood Tower, another dramatic holiday spot that you can claim as your own for a week

If someone suggested a week of self catering in Scotland, you'd be forgiven for not rushing to grab your suitcase, pack up the kids and board the first train northbound. But the time has now come to ditch any perceptions you may hold of lack-lustre apartments, and swap them instead for 16th-century towers and large stately piles, for the 'DIY' holiday has changed, and the only word we can find to describe it is exciting.

Crabtree & Crabtree is the company responsible for our sudden change of heart. This family-run operation specialises in letting properties located in the Tweed Valley, and the array on offer is mind-boggling. Want a week in a secluded cottage, with art classes for the kids, spa treatments for the parents, and a catered dinner party for guests? Consider it done. We wanted all of these things. And more.

First up was Heiton Mill House, a former 18th-century watermill on the banks of the River Tevoit. Upon arrival, the feeling of being 'away from it all' was instantaneous, and after lunch – an array of local cheeses and bread from the new Pharlanne deli in near-by Kelso – we got on with some still-life painting, with a local teacher. I'm not sure that my



'masterpiece' will be adorning any walls soon, but the tranquil two hours was a blissful escape from the city.

Next stop was Hoscote House, and if I'd thought Heiton was remote, this took it to another level entirely. The grand mansion sits in 450 acres of countryside, and if you want to channel the true 'laird of the manor' spirit, this is the place. Roaring log fires, tartan wallpaper, rooms that look over fields dotted with rusty Highland cattle – come here to live the Scottish dream. We even learnt how to make shortbread (thanks to the Edinburgh New Town Cookery School, which provides classes at a number of Crabtree properties).

After an adventurous afternoon's clay pigeon shooting, we headed for

our final stop – Aikwood Tower. Built in the 1540s, this dramatic building will make both children and grown-ups feel a little as though they are in a fairytale (albeit a very well appointed one, complete with state-of-the-art bathrooms, kitchen and even a bar). A stone spiral staircase forms the heart of this property, with rooms coming off it every turn. And what rooms they are – quirky and unique, doorways are low, cowhides and sheepskin lay underfoot, tweed blankets cover huge beds and log fires crackle cosily – the decor has been carefully chosen to reflect the wonder of the property itself. There's even a 'coffee station' (read luxury coffee machine and all the extras) half way up the tower in case you can't quite make it all the way down to the cosy kitchen first thing.

I can't recommend a trip to the beautiful borders enough. I hope you'll be as pleasantly surprised. }

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Holidays South West 2012



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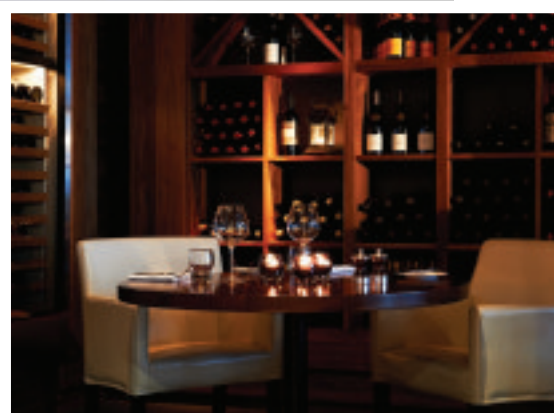
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Mini BREAKS



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An epic adventure

Matt Kimberley tucks into the latest from Mercedes-Benz, the CLS63 AMG

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For a start, it's just about five metres long and, fitted with AMG wheels and body styling, it's a beast. Yes the saloon boot is huge, and yes it's a practical and safe Mercedes, but there are more than a few exterior touches that really get the juices flowing.

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Inside the car the occupants, up to four people, hear a muted V8 rumble. But anyone outside it - especially behind it - is treated to a thunderously loud, effortlessly deep and gloriously exciting cacophony from the exhausts, punctuated by pops and crackles when the driver lifts off the throttle.

The model I tested had been kitted out with an astonishing amount of options, some of which make more sense than others.

The AMG Performance package is great, but expensive at around \$6,500, while the paint alone,

from the special 'designo' catalogue, costs \$4,500. It's lovely, but not that different from standard metallic to untrained eyes. In fact, this car, which costs over \$80,000 to begin with, had a total of \$26,000 worth of extras, taking the final asking price comfortably into six figures. It's really got to justify those kinds of numbers.

If you have a disused airfield handy the performance is, well, epic. Even if the tarmac is dry, in temperatures around freezing the rear wheels will spin if you push the throttle hard. Keep it pinned and you'll get violent and relentless acceleration, right up to a point at Autobahn-only speeds where your fear reflexes overtake your willpower, or you hit the 155mph speed limiter.

Inside the cabin it's good news for whoever wrote the cheque, because the build quality and standard of materials is outstanding; thoroughly worthy of an \$80,000 car. Almost infinitely adjustable heated and cooled leather seats are an optional extra well worth going for.

But amidst all this desperately desirable luxury, it's still a practical Mercedes. In summary it's like a meal at Gordon Ramsey's restaurant at London's Claridges. Very pricey, with tear-jerkingly expensive add-ons, but after all is said and done and you're digesting the experience, you could never say it was poor value. }

Facts at a glance

Model: Mercedes-Benz CLS63 AMG, £81,145 on the road
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Students of Leiths School of Food and Wine show off their culinary skills

Finding your vocation

Catherine McCabe speaks to three educators that help students follow their true passion



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With the final UCAS deadline fast approaching for the end of the month, March is a stressful time of year for sixth formers. Amid the flurry of revision books, there are countless prospectuses to rummage through and life-changing decisions to be made. But what about those who just want to follow that one, burning passion? Not all of us are destined to absorb information through a 9am lecture. While some want to spend their time reading up on Nietzsche, others dream of setting the perfect parfait. Sometimes, we have to look beyond the realm of mainstream university to find the right choice. The Resident speaks with three education specialists in three of life's many great pleasures: food, film and music.

Leiths School of Food and Wine

Established by TV broadcaster and Michelin star winning chef Prue Leith in 1975, Leiths Cookery School remains

a respected home of gastronomical expertise. Celebrated for its open-minded approach to cookery, the school has produced celebrity chefs such as Henry Rollins, co-owner of the Racine restaurant in South Kensington. Leiths offers a nine month diploma for those determined to succeed in the culinary arts. The school's principle, Claire MacDonald says: "Students need to have a passion for food and learning all about it, those are really the only requirements; but you need to be really sure that you want to pursue a career in food, because it is quite an expensive and intensive course." The exceptional thing about Leiths is that it accepts students at ground level; you don't need to be a great, or even a good cook to secure a place. "Cooking is like building blocks, with students gradually developing their skills. Our assumption when students start the foundation term is that they know nothing," says Claire.

The aim is not just to streamline students into Sous Chef jobs (although

many past students have graced the kitchens' of The Ivy and Chez Bruce); instead, they aim to enrich their relationship with food. Many Leiths graduates have gone on to food writing for cooking magazines while others have established successful catering businesses. And of course, there is the attraction of the word 'wine' in the course title. Throughout their diploma, student's study wine theory, gaining certification from the London Wine and Spirit Education Trust. So what sets Leiths apart from other London cookery schools such as Le Cordon Bleu? "Our course is much broader in incorporating international cuisines. We don't only look at French recipes, for example. It is based on classic skills, but we don't do a lot of classic dishes," Claire says. So if you think you could rival the great Pierre White, now is the time to apply.

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LFS MA filmmaking students in action. Photography by Sonia Rodriguez



Finding the vision: LFS MA filmmaking student prepares his shoot



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The Song of The Rain, graduation film of London Film School student Aygul Bakanova

London Film School

The argument of education versus vocation has plagued the UK film industry; with many dismissing the validity of formal film qualifications. London Film School, however, seem to have found a happy medium in their pragmatic approach to film education. And with an alumni roll call that includes Mike Leigh, Michael Mann and Duncan Jones, it's hard to argue with their results.

Although qualification courses are postgraduate only, the School offers ongoing film workshops in scriptwriting, editing and documentary making which can help set students on the path to either professional experience or further education. At MA level, students are offered support to create their own film, with each student receiving an allocated budget of £3,800. Student Union president August Rahmberg says: "One needs to be quite independent, it is also very useful if one has experience of a non-

academic world. It's about doing the real thing so there is a real freedom." Unlike most postgraduate programmes, London Film School expose their students to all aspects of filmmaking before selecting a specialism, such as cinematography, offering a broader view of the industry. But August urges students against starting the course before they are truly ready. "I think you should get out there and work on shoots first. It's less formal than an academic programme, so if you are expecting a traditional university format, then this place is going to be quite shocking for you," he says. *London Film School, 020 7836 9642 lfs.org.uk*

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Where do you like to go out in the evenings?

The Sydney Arms near my home, where I can have a smoke outside and enjoy my favourite beer Erdinger! I also enjoy quiz nights at the Coopers Arms.

What's your most memorable local meal?

At Amaya, a curry restaurant in Knightsbridge – their meals are so delicately spiced.

Who would you invite to a dream dinner party?

Boris Johnson, as he would be very interesting, and Gordon Brown to get some sparks flying!

What's your favourite London view?
From the Oxo Tower, through a glass!

What is your top neighbourhood secret?

The Belgravia Garage in Chelsea. I hardly ever use my car and the battery is always flat, so they save me.

If you could change one thing about London, what would it be?

I would make all taxis and buses electric. And introduce proper cycle lanes - not ones that seem to end at the Admiralty Arch!

Where do you go to be a culture culture?

Unfortunately I'm known as a bit of a cultural desert.

What's your greatest London extravagance?

My local extravagance is spending time browsing and tasting the delights at the weekend farmer's market at Duke of York Square.

Where would you live if money were no object?

I would probably live on a very luxurious large catamaran.

Paul Kerr never leaves home without...

My gym kit! Wherever I am, I insist on exercising and going to the gym. And my iPad to stay in contact with friends and family at home. }

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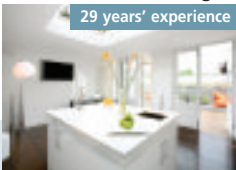
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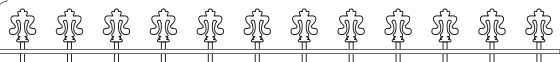
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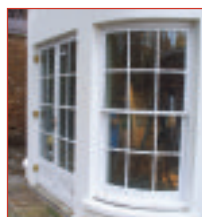
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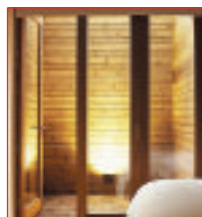
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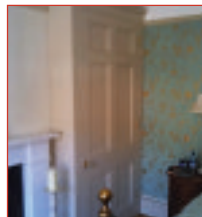
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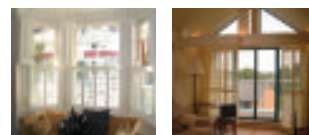
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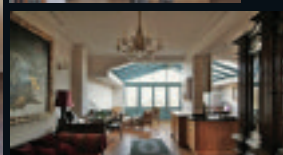


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Embankment Gardens, SW3

£3,900,000

What: A bright and immaculately refurbished lateral flat.

Wow factor: This exquisite apartment extends to some 2,000 sq ft and benefits from well appointed accommodation.

Extras: Drawing room, kitchen/dining room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, second and third double bedroom, bathroom, and substantial loft storage.

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Elm Park Road, SW3

£1,050 per week

What: A 'Best of Class' two bedroom flat on the first floor of a triple aspect corner building.

Wow factor: Finished in a Parisian style, furnishings are classical, elegant and of the highest quality.

Extras: Wonderful south facing terrace overlooking the private gardens of The Vale.

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Lansdowne Crescent, W11

Price upon application (above)

What: A charming and well presented two bedroom flat.

Wow factor: Occupies approximately 869 sq ft on the second floor of this handsome stone building.

Extras: Entrance hall, drawing room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, and access to communal gardens.

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Old Church Street, SW3

£5,250,000 (left)

What: A wonderful triple aspect apartment in the heart of this most historic part of Chelsea.

Wow factor: The property features magnificent double height windows and studio style accommodation incorporating fabulous open plan space.

Extras: Double height open plan drawing room, dining area and kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further double bedrooms, large family bathroom, bedroom four with en-suite shower room, and excellent storage throughout.

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Campana Road | Fulham | SW6

1,529 sq ft (142 sq m)

A well presented four bedroom house occupying approximately 1,529 sq ft, situated on one of Fulham's most sought after roads.

Drawing room | Kitchen/breakfast room | Master bedroom with en suite bathroom | Three bedrooms | Further bathroom | Garden

Asking price £1,450,000 Freehold

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Tryon Street | Chelsea | SW3

1,306 sq ft (121.3 sq m)

An extremely well presented and well planned three double bedroom Freehold house with a west-facing garden in this prime location.

Open plan double reception room | Raised study area | Kitchen/breakfast room | 3 double bedrooms | Bathroom | Shower room | Garden | Vaults

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Smith Terrace | Chelsea | SW3

1,267 sq ft (117.7sq m)

A fabulous opportunity to modernise and enlarge a three storey, south-facing house in one of the best streets in Chelsea.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Dining room | Kitchen | Two bedrooms | Study | Bathroom | Cloakroom | Garden | Vaults

Offers in excess of £2,400,000 Freehold

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Kensington Place | Kensington | W8

1,610 sq ft (149.6 sq m)

A charming and well presented three bedroom house with excellent entertaining space, terrace and a garden.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Kitchen/breakfast room | Family room | Three bedrooms | Bathroom | Shower room | Study | Store | Vault | Terrace | Garden

Asking price £2,600,000 Freehold

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Redesdale Street | Chelsea | SW3

1,093 sq ft (101.5 sq m)

An immaculate and beautifully presented ground and lower ground floor maisonette with a super drawing room, two/three bedrooms and a delightful terrace garden in York Stone.

Double reception room | Kitchen | Master bedroom with en suite shower room | Bedroom two with en suite bathroom | Study/bedroom 3 | Utility room | Terrace | Garden

Asking price £1,950,000 Freehold

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Lamont Road | Chelsea | SW10

1,246 sq ft (115.8 sq m)

An exceptional two double bedroom garden flat in this sought after location boasting a superb landscaped private south-facing garden.

Entrance hall | Reception room | Kitchen/dining room | Master bedroom with en suite bathroom | Second bedroom with en suite bathroom | Guest cloakroom | Garden

Asking price £1,550,000 Share of Freehold

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Ralston Street | Chelsea | SW3

1,877 sq ft (174.4 sq m)

This three double bedroom maisonette is in excellent order throughout with excellent proportions and great light.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Kitchen/breakfast room | Family room | Master bedroom with en suite bathroom | Second double bedroom suite | Third double bedroom | Shower room | Utility room | Patio | Garden | Vaults

Asking price £3,350,000 Share of Freehold

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Cornwall Gardens | South Kensington | SW7

1,591 sq ft (147.8 sq m)

An impressive and beautifully presented three bedroom maisonette, occupying approximately 1,591 sq ft, in this attractive stucco fronted period building.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Dining area | Kitchen | Three bedrooms | Bathroom | Shower room | Utility area | Access to communal gardens

Asking price £2,300,000 Long Leasehold

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Felden Street | Fulham | SW6

Unfurnished

An immaculate, neutrally refurbished house in a contemporary style in the heart of Fulham.

Four bedrooms | Double reception room | Eat-in kitchen | Cellar with utility room | Three bathrooms | Downstairs cloakroom | Patio | Garden

£1,400 per week

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Pont Street Mews | Knightsbridge | SW1

Unfurnished

An immaculately refurbished one bedroom house located in this most desirable private mews. The house offers fantastic reception space with vaulted ceilings and mezzanine guest bedroom level.

Reception room | Kitchen | Master bedroom with en suite bathroom | Double bedroom/study | Shower room | Terrace

£1,250 per week

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Bladon Lodge | Chelsea | SW5

Furnished or Unfurnished

Refurbished to an exacting standard, this four bedroom maisonette in one of Chelsea's best addresses offers opulent lateral living space over 3,356 sq ft.

Drawing room | Dining room | Kitchen | Master bedroom with en suite bathroom and dressing room | Three further bedrooms | Three further bathrooms | Study | Secondary kitchen | Utility room | Cloakroom | Communal gardens

£4,500 per week

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Holland Park | Holland Park | W11

Unfurnished

A stunning four bedroom flat on the first floor of a highly desirable Holland Park Villa with views overlooking Holland Park.

Drawing room | Dining room | Kitchen | Conservatory | Master bedroom with en suite bathroom | Three further bedrooms | En suite shower room | Bathroom | Study/bedroom four | Terrace | Lift

£2,750 per week

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Neville Street | South Kensington | SW7

Unfurnished

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Drawing room | Sitting room | Dining room | Kitchen | Study | TV family room |
Conservatory with balcony | Five bedrooms | Three bathrooms | Utility | Garden

£5,250 per week

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South Terrace | Knightsbridge | SW7

Unfurnished

An exceptional family house which has been refurbished to an exacting standard, offering modern living.

Entrance hall | Elegant double reception room | Kitchen/conservatory |
Five bedrooms | Three bathrooms (two en suite) | Media room | Wine cellar

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Cadogan Gardens, SW3

£2,500,000

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Wow factor: The impressive south facing double reception room is served by two balconies.

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£1,095 furnished

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Wow factor: Wetherby Gardens is ideally located for modern amenities on Gloucester and Old Brompton Roads including Waitrose, Pret coffee shops, and the Black and Blue steak house.

Extras: Victorian conversion, large living room with high ceilings, wood floors, separate kitchen, dishwasher, master bedroom with full wall of fitted storage, second double bedroom, and views over local gardens.

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Egerton Gardens, SW3

£1,250,000

What: A spacious and well presented two double bedroom apartment.

Wow factor: The apartment has the benefit of the drawing room overlooking the communal gardens and has share of the freehold.

Extras: Entrance hall, reception room, fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, double bedroom two, and separate shower room.

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£3,450,000

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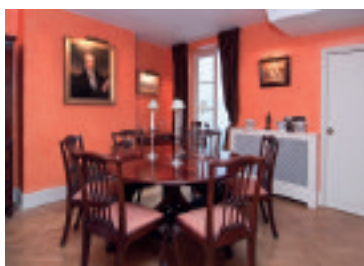
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£2,350,000

freehold

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Royal Hospital Road SW₃

£2,000 per week

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£1,950 per week

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Iverna Gardens W₈

£1,695 per week

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Gloucester Street SW₁

£595 per week

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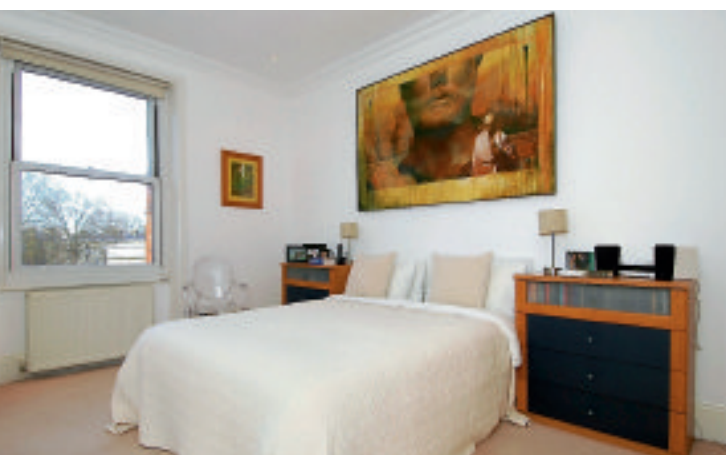
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EGERTON GARDENS, SW3

£1,250,000 Share of Freehold

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Entrance Hall | Reception Room | Fitted Kitchen | 2 Double Bedrooms | Ensuite Bathroom | Separate Shower Room



ONSLOW GARDENS, SW7

£2,950,000 Share of Freehold

Direct access to the communal gardens

Drawing Room | Fitted Kitchen | Dining Room | Master Bedroom with Ensuite Bathroom | Bedroom 2 with Ensuite Shower Room | Bedroom 3 | Separate Bathroom 2 | Access to Communal Gardens

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JUBILEE PLACE, SW3

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MARLBOROUGH STREET, SW3

£1,300 per week unfurnished

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Reception Room | Kitchen/Breakfast Room | 3 Double Bedrooms | Ensuite Bathroom | Separate Bathroom
Patio Garden | 2 Balconies | Garage



YEOMAN'S ROW, SW3

Knightsbridge family house

£1,750 per week unfurnished

Reception Room | Dining Room | Kitchen/Breakfast Room | 4 Double Bedrooms | Ensuite Shower Room
Separate Bathroom | Studio Room with Ensuite Shower Room | Patio Garden



HORTENSIA ROAD, SW10

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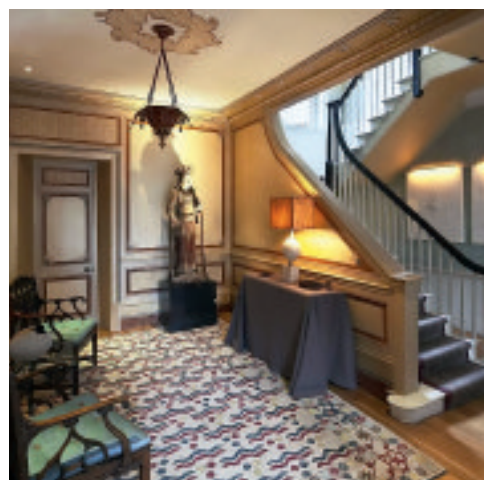
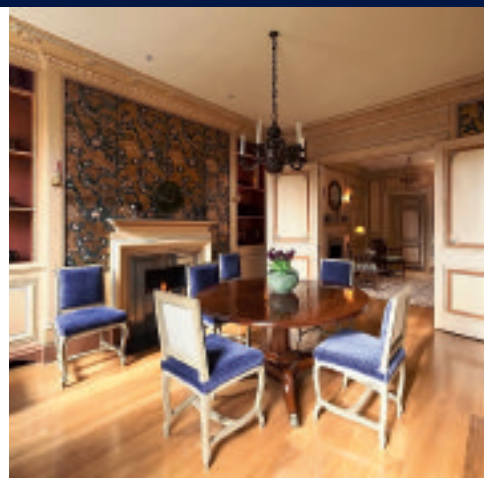
First floor drawing room ♦ dining room ♦ study
♦ kitchen/breakfast room ♦ master bedroom with en
suite bathroom ♦ 5 further bedrooms ♦ 4 further
bath/shower rooms ♦ media room ♦ lift
♦ 2 terraces ♦ garden ♦ 357 sq m (3,836 sq ft)



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A FINE GRADE II LISTED GEORGIAN HOUSE CHEYNE WALK, SW3

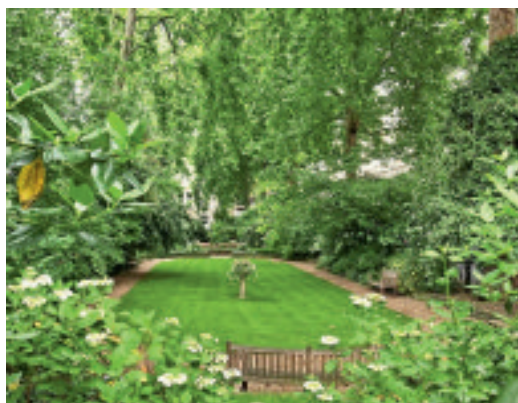
First floor drawing room ♦ dining room
♦ studio ♦ study ♦ kitchen/breakfast room
♦ master bedroom with dressing room and shower room ♦ 3 further bedrooms (2 en suite) ♦ 2 cloakrooms ♦ garden ♦ 397 sq m (4,279 sq ft)



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Guide £12 million Freehold



A HIGHLY DESIRABLE KNIGHTSBRIDGE TOWNHOUSE MONTPELIER WALK/RUTLAND GATE, SW7

Drawing room ♦ kitchen ♦ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ♦ 2 further bedrooms ♦ shower room ♦ guest cloakroom ♦ second entrance from Rutland Gate ♦ access to communal gardens ♦ 121 sq m (1,303 sq ft)



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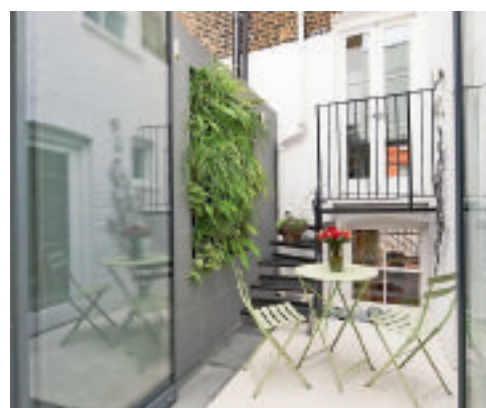
BELGRAVIA TOWNHOUSE IN HIGHLY DESIRABLE QUIET LOCATION CAROLINE TERRACE, SW1

Double reception room ♦ dining room ♦ family room
♦ kitchen ♦ master bedroom suite with dressing
area ♦ 3 further bedrooms ♦ bathroom ♦ laundry
♦ terrace ♦ garden ♦ 191 sq m (2,064 sq ft)



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BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED PERIOD HOUSE WITH PATIO GARDEN KENSINGTON COURT PLACE, W8

Double reception room ♦ further reception room ♦ kitchen/dining room ♦ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ♦ 3 further bedroom ♦ shower room ♦ guest cloakroom ♦ utility room ♦ storage ♦ patio garden ♦ 186 sq m (2,003 sq ft)



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FAMILY HOUSE WITH GENEROUS LIVING SPACE ON A WIDE BUILT FOOTPRINT ST. JAMES'S GARDENS, W11

Double reception room ♦ kitchen/dining/family room
♦ master bedroom suite ♦ 3 further bedrooms ♦ 2
further bath/shower rooms ♦ studio room/further
bedroom ♦ south-facing garden ♦ access to
communal garden square ♦ 389 sq m (4,191 sq ft)



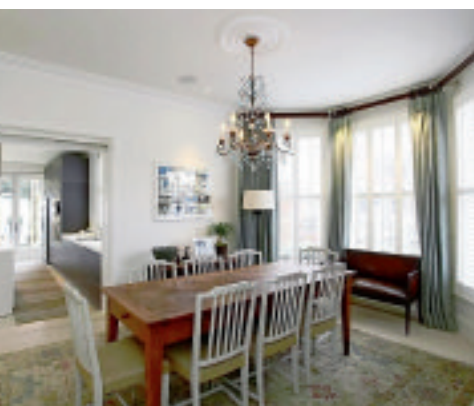
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A SENSATIONAL DOUBLE-FRONTED CORNER LION HOUSE STOKENCHURCH STREET, SW6

Drawing room ♦ dining room ♦ kitchen/family room ♦ 7 bedrooms ♦ 6 bathrooms
♦ study/boot room ♦ family/media room ♦ gym and steam room ♦ cloakroom
♦ utility room ♦ wine cellar ♦ garden ♦ off-street parking ♦ 474 sq m (5,102 sq ft)



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A SUBSTANTIAL HURLINGHAM HOUSE WITH POTENTIAL HURLINGHAM GARDENS, SW6

Drawing room ♦ dining room ♦ conservatory ♦ kitchen/breakfast room
♦ 6 bedrooms ♦ bathroom ♦ 2 shower rooms ♦ 2 guest cloakrooms ♦ cellar
♦ garden ♦ 290 sq m (3,122 sq ft)



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IMMACULATE FAMILY HOME ON THE PETERBOROUGH ESTATE PERRYMEAD STREET, SW6

Reception room ♦ kitchen/dining room ♦ playroom/media room ♦ first floor drawing room ♦ master bedroom suite ♦ 4 further bedrooms ♦ 2 further bathrooms ♦ utility room ♦ shower room ♦ cloakroom ♦ 295 sq m (3,176 sq ft)



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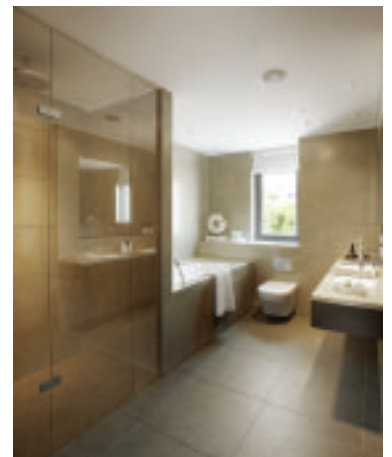
DOUBLE HEIGHT RECEPTION ROOM IN PERIOD BUILDING VICARAGE GATE, W8

Reception room ♦ dining area ♦ kitchen ♦ master bedroom with en suite bathroom
♦ 2 further bedrooms ♦ shower room ♦ 111 sq m (1,200 sq ft)



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Asking £1.65 million Leasehold, plus Share of Freehold



Penthouse Wellington House London SW1

Even within the very heart of London some addresses stand out. Wellington House, in Buckingham Gate, is one of them.

Situated in an area which is steeped in history and tradition, this bold new building is located between Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and St James's Park.

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A duplex penthouse on the 8th, 9th & 10th floors of a new development by Land Securities. The property features far-reaching views over St James's Park and exceptional outdoor entertaining space. With ceiling heights up to 3.10m the penthouse provides gracious living space, with 24 hour portage. Two secure underground parking spaces are available separately.

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| Gross Internal Area | 2,250 ft ² /209 m ² |
| Gross External Area | 1,164 ft ² /108 m ² |
| Parking spaces | by separate negotiation |
| Transport links | St James's Park / Victoria station |
| Completion due | July 2012 |

£4.65 million (subject to contract)

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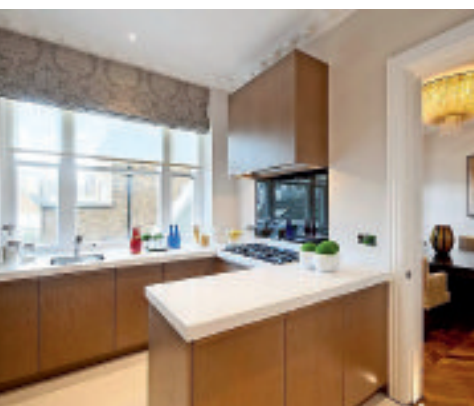


ELEGANT APARTMENT WITH PRIVATE GARDEN IN THE HEART OF BELGRAVIA EATON PLACE, SW1

Entrance hall ♦ reception room ♦ dining room ♦ kitchen ♦ master bedroom with en suite bathroom and dressing room ♦ second bedroom suite ♦ third bedroom/study ♦ garden ♦ 217 sq m (2,329 sq ft)



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STUNNING NEWLY REFURBISHED FIRST FLOOR LATERAL APARTMENT WEST EATON PLACE, SW1

Entrance hall ♦ reception room ♦ dining room
♦ kitchen ♦ master bedroom with en suite bathroom
♦ second bedroom with en suite shower room
♦ guest cloakroom ♦ 2 balconies ♦ direct lift access
♦ 149 sq m (1,613 sq ft)



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Guide £5.975 million Leasehold, approximately 124 years remaining



CHARMING TOP FLOOR FLAT IN POPULAR GARDEN SQUARE OVINGTON SQUARE, SW3

Reception room ♦ kitchen ♦ bedroom with en suite bathroom ♦ guest cloakroom
♦ roof terrace ♦ direct lift access ♦ 54 sq m (580 sq ft)



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Asking £1.175 million Leasehold, approximately 55 years remaining



BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED APARTMENT IN SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION

BROMPTON ROAD, SW3

Reception room ♦ kitchen ♦ 2 double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms ♦ guest cloakroom ♦ 24hr concierge ♦ underground parking ♦ 145 sq m (1,560 sq ft)

Asking £4.95 million Leasehold

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CONTEMPORARY APARTMENT IN THE HEART OF KNIGHTSBRIDGE

BROMPTON ROAD, SW3

Reception room ♦ kitchen ♦ double bedroom with en suite bathroom ♦ guest cloakroom ♦ 24hr concierge ♦ 73 sq m (786 sq ft)

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Chelsea Square,
SW3

£16,250,000

What: An imposing neo-Georgian family home which has been fully refurbished and reconfigured by international interior designer Alison Henry.

Wow factor: The kitchen, dining room and informal living area are situated

around a central courtyard, flooding the house with natural light. The newly created 186 sq m basement incorporates a family room, gym and guest suite.

Extras: Entrance hall, drawing room, family room/dining room, kitchen/dining room, family room/cinema, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and dressing room, five further bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, study/bedroom seven with en-suite bathroom, two cloakrooms, gym, and courtyard garden.

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Edwardes Square, W8

£3,950,000 freehold

What: An opportunity to acquire a Grade II listed period house of 2449 sq ft.

Wow factor: The house offers the opportunity to refurbish and potentially extend.

Extras: Double reception room, dining room, kitchen, further reception room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, three/four further bedrooms, further bathroom, in need of modernisation, potential to extend subject to the necessary consents' 56ft rear garden, and access to communal garden square.

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New wealth creation
is the driver of
Prime London

For 2012, Savills forecasts that just over £1 billion of bonus equity will flow into the market and that the total net injection of all equity (domestic and overseas) – at just over £6.5 billion – will fall slightly short of the £7.2 billion seen in 2011. International buyers are expected to remain the dominant force, albeit at around £4 billion, with non-City based domestic equity increasing to around £1.5 billion.

"We have seen untoward global events – such as growing crisis in the Eurozone and the threat of an Asian slowdown, for example – actually boost London as a 'safe haven', wealth preservation destination for global investors," says Jonathan Hewlett, head of Savills London region. "If such international investor activity were to reduce, the London market would become more reliant on domestically-generated wealth again.

"Historically London has shown the potential to perform when new equity is generated in the capital, not just from the stock market and banking activity but through IPOs, mergers, acquisitions and other investment and business activity. We are seeing early signs that international wealth can be replaced by new equity, particularly from the private offices and hedge funds – the West End cash generators.

"London is expected to be the driver of the UK's economic recovery in which case stock issues, profits and some bonuses (or other types of performance reward) will kick into action again, generating price growth in those residential markets, including prime London, favoured by the recipients."

Agent speaks

Jonathan Hewlett, Head of Savills London



Despite uncertainty in the domestic and global economies, the prime markets of Central London performed strongly in 2011, resulting in a record breaking year for Savills London. With continuing strong demand from international buyers, accounting for 55% of sales and introducing \$4.3 billion of new equity into the market in the year, prices rose by 14.1% over the year.

Against this context prices rose by a modest 1.1% over the final quarter, reflecting a year of two halves in which the annual price growth was driven by strong price growth in the first half of the year. In part this reflects the seasonal nature of the market, though the downgrading of global economic forecasts and the falls in global stock markets will also have tempered recent growth.

In the ultra prime market, where values typically exceed \$15m and overseas demand is strongest, annual growth ended the year just short of 19% and record sales, with an aggregate value in excess of \$1.9 billion, were achieved in the year. However,

even in this market growth was relatively modest in the second half of 2011 at just 3.7%.

Looking forward Savills research department believe the weakened economic outlook and the problems within the Eurozone present an increased risk to the market, however for the time being this uncertainty is underpinning demand for Prime Central London residential property. We have had a strong start to 2012 with still plenty of confidence from UK and international purchasers, and due to limited supply we have already had several properties receiving multiple offers.

This year we are continuing to build on our market presence with several office openings in the pipeline including Notting Hill. We recently launched our new and already successful office in St John's Wood and we have a Chelsea team in place with their official office launch set for the spring.

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Hays Mews, W1

£6,950,000 freehold

What: A stunning, newly refurbished home of approximately 3,325 sq ft, situated in a prestigious mews close to Berkeley Square.

Wow factor: The reception room and kitchen on the top two floors of the house are conveniently situated for access to the roof terrace with excellent views. On the lower ground floor there is a cinema room which doubles as further entertaining space.

Extras: Hall, reception room, kitchen/dining room, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom and dressing room, guest bedroom with en-suite bathroom, bedroom three with en-suite shower room, cinema/chill out room, utility room, two guest cloakrooms, garage, lift, and roof terrace

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An Elephant in the room...

In the first event of its kind 'The Faberge Big Egg Hunt' aims to raise over £1 million in vital funds for leading children's charity, Action for Children, and Elephant Family – the UK's biggest funder for the endangered Asian elephant.

Savills is sponsoring a Union Jack egg designed by Mark Shand, founder of the Elephant Family charity. This egg will form part of the 'Golden Collection'; 30 of the most desirable eggs that will be auctioned by Sotheby's at The Fabergé Big Egg Banquet on Tuesday 20 March at The Royal Courts of Justice. Included in the collection will be William Curley's chocolate egg, which is set to break a Guinness World Record by becoming the most expensive chocolate egg ever sold.



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Sales Market Comment

James Pace

We are now almost five-years-old and I can't quite believe that it has been that long. Since we opened, we have seen ups and downs, the most significant being the financial crisis in 2008. One thing that has been consistent has been a significant tightening of the size of the market in terms of available property. And all the while, we have seen a lot more buyers coming in to the market, particularly from abroad, all looking to buy here. I am proud to say that we have achieved many fantastic results over the years for our clients, many of which were done off market and will continue to do so for a long time to come.

Prime PROPERTY



Seymour Walk, SW10

£4,650,000 freehold

What: Stunning house with roof terrace, garden and garage.

Wow factor: Having been completely refurbished, the owners have managed to incorporate everything that a discerning family buyer would require.

Extras: Four bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, bedroom 5/study, bathroom, family/media room, kitchen/dining room, drawing room, garden, terrace, garage, and approximately 233 sq m (2,517 sq ft).

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Welcome surprise

It's congratulations to Knight Frank Chelsea this month - and we can all share their joy

Elm Park Road, SW3

£4,000 per week unfurnished

What: A beautiful house set in the sought after western section of this quiet street.

Wow factor: A stunning, wide, semi-detached period house.

Extras: Three bedrooms with en-suites, bedroom 4, shower room, reception room, kitchen/dining room, study, garden room, balcony, patio area and garden.

Approximately 245 sq m (2,640 sq ft).

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New Knight Frank app

Knight Frank has launched a new iPhone and iPad app displaying properties and research from around the world. The Knight Frank property search app beautifully displays the best properties from the most desirable global locations and includes an option to search by 'lifestyle' such as golfing, equestrian pursuits, skiing or waterviews. Properties can be searched by country, region, city, postcode or by GPS from the searcher's location. The iPad app is also the first app of its kind to offer integrated access to research reports on the global residential and commercial property market from Knight Frank's renowned research department.

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Lettings Market Comment

David Mumby

It's been a very good year for landlords with demand in the form of new tenant registrations rising by 20% over the past year and new rental instructions are only higher by 6%. The best properties are setting new bench marks for achieved rents and we have seen many properties let prior to a full marketing campaign. We expect to see rental growth in Central London for the whole of 2012 to equate to around 4% or 5%. Now more than ever presentation is key if top rents are to be achieved. Any potential weaknesses in a property will give scope for negotiations on the guide price. I would always advise that landlords seek a professional viewpoint when refurbishing a property. It's important to cater to the target market rather than one's personal taste.



To celebrate Knight Frank's successes and their 5th birthday they're giving away birthday cupcakes to local residents at Bea's Bakery. To claim your free* cupcake, simply pop in to their King's Road office to pick up a flyer.

* One cake per customer with a flyer. Offer valid to the first 40 customers who purchase a hot drink 8.30am - 10.30am, Monday 5 March to Sunday 18 March inclusive.

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CHELSEA SW3

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Chelsea Walk, Chelsea SW10

Modern redevelopment of one and two bed apartments

A selection of one and two bedroom apartments in a 21st century redevelopment of a Victorian Terrace. The apartments provide well laid out accommodation incorporating the highest quality of craftsmanship and finishes. Specification includes oak flooring and fully integrated kitchens. Apartments with private terraces available. Both South Kensington and Fulham Broadway underground stations are close by.

Leasehold: 125 years less 10 days from 1st January 2010

Prices range from £525,000 - £680,000

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Drayton Gardens, Chelsea SW10

House with double garage and west facing garden

A wonderful house that has been completely refurbished. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom and dressing area, bedroom 2 with en suite shower room, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, double drawing room, reception room/study, dining room, utility room, 2 cloakrooms, conservatory, balcony, west facing garden, double garage. Approximately 316 sq m (3,403 sq ft) including garage.

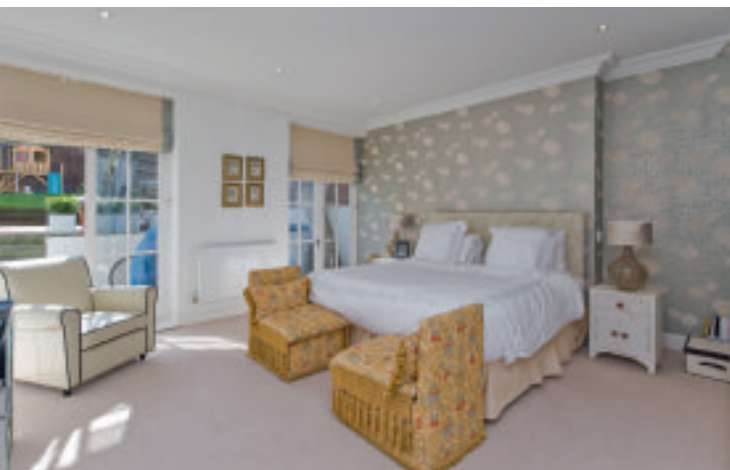
Freehold

Guide price: £6,500,000

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Lexham Gardens, Kensington W8

Fantastic family home with garden

An impressive four bedroom maisonette located in an attractive stucco fronted Victorian building in Kensington. 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, reception room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, terrace, garden. Approximately 253 sq m (2,731 sq ft)

Leasehold: Approximately 119 years

Guide price £3,500,000

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Douro Place, Kensington W8

Family home with garden and parking

A beautifully presented freehold house with a pretty garden and off-street parking situated in this quiet street. The house is offered in immaculate condition and offers fantastic entertaining/family space. Master bedroom suite with dressing area, 3 further bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, family/dining room, kitchen, utility room, wine cellar/store, garden, off-street parking. Approximately 244 sq m (2,631 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £5,950,000

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Woodsford Square, Holland Park W14

Family townhouse with parking and garden

A well presented five bedroomed family house having integral garage, private garden and use of communal gardens. 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, dining area, kitchen, garage, garden, communal gardens, off-street parking. Approximately 206 sq m (2,220 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £2,650,000

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Addison Road, Holland Park W14

Family house with west facing garden

A superb wide low built house offering good lateral living and entertaining space as well as a generous garden. Master bedroom suite with dressing area, 3 further bedrooms, bathroom, reception room, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, balcony, cloakroom, garden. Approximately 270 sq m (2,907 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £5,250,000

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Campden Hill Gardens, Kensington W8

Two bedroom former artist studio house with garden

A spectacular former artist studio with double volume space and an abundance of natural light, which is wider than average with unusually tall ceilings. Master bedroom suite with dressing room and bathroom, second bedroom, walk-in shower, reception room/kitchen, patio garden. Approximately 176 sq m (1,896 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £3,500,000

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Onslow Gardens, South Kensington SW7

Family apartment with direct access to communal gardens

A wonderful ground floor maisonette with the rare benefit of its own private entrance as well as direct access to communal gardens. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, bedroom 2 with en suite bathroom, 2 further bedrooms, shower room, reception room, dining/family room, kitchen, study, communal gardens. Approximately 247 sq m (2,668 sq ft)

Share of freehold

Guide price: £4,950,000

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South Eaton Place, Belgravia SW1

Four bedroom Belgravia townhouse

An elegant four bedroom family house situated in one of Belgravia's most sought addresses. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 3 further bedrooms, 2 further bathrooms, drawing room, dining room, kitchen, sitting room, utility room, guest cloakroom, garden, terrace. Approximately 218 sq m (2,350 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £4,650,000

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Knightsbridge, London SW7

Magnificent Grade II listed house

A beautifully restored four bedroom house situated within one of London's finest addresses. Master bedroom suite, guest bedroom suite, third bedroom suite, bedroom 4 with en suite shower, kitchen, 3 reception rooms, utility room, 3 balconies, front and rear gardens. Approximately 297 sq m (3,200 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £7,950,000

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Pont Street, Knightsbridge SW1

Immaculate one bedroom apartment

Ready for immediate occupation, this ground floor apartment has been fully refurbished to an exceptional standard by the current owners. The property benefits from a wonderful reception room with high ceilings as well as delightful views along Pont Street. Reception room, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, caretaker. Approximately 66.7 sq m (719 sq ft). Please note, this property belongs to a current employee of Knight Frank.

Leasehold: Approximately 95 years remaining

Guide price: £1,350,000

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Wellington Square, Chelsea SW3

Wide and bright Chelsea house

An elegant, end of terrace Grade II listed house situated in one of Chelsea's finest garden squares. Master bedroom suite, 5 further bedrooms, 3 further bath/shower rooms, 3 reception rooms, kitchen, utility, storage vaults, south facing balcony, rear garden. Approximately 274 sq m (2,950 sq ft)

Freehold

Guide price: £6,450,000

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Stunning apartment with views of Albert Bridge and the Thames

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Share of freehold

Guide price: £6,100,000

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King's Road, Chelsea SW3

Chelsea pied à terre

A Grade II listed one bedroom apartment benefitting from many original features and both north and south facing views. Open plan reception room/kitchen, dining room, bedroom, contemporary Starck bathroom, large communal terrace. Approximately 78 sq m (843 sq ft)

Leasehold: Approximately 121 years remaining

Guide price: £1,250,000

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Cheyne Place, Chelsea SW3

Two bedroom Chelsea flat

A bright south facing raised ground and lower ground floor maisonette offering impressive entertaining space and communal gardens. Reception room, dining room, kitchen, master bedroom suite, further bedroom, further bathroom, access to communal gardens. Approximately 149 sq m (1,607 sq ft)

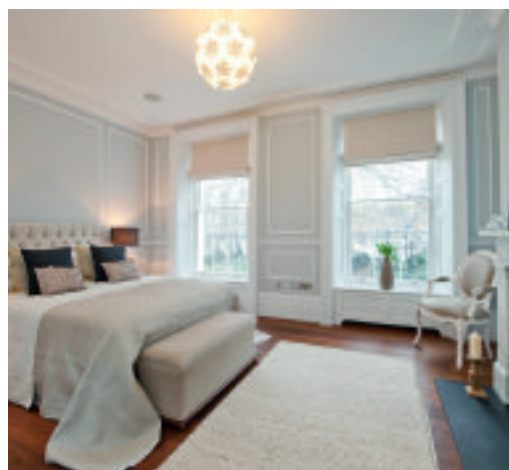
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Paultons Square, Chelsea SW3

Immaculate four bedroom family house

A stunning modernised four bedroom townhouse to rent in a popular garden square. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 2 further double bedrooms, single room, bathroom, double reception room, 2nd reception room/gym, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, study, garden. Approximately 268 sq m (2,885 sq ft)

Available unfurnished

Guide price: £4,500 per week

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PALACE STREET, SW1

A well appointed 9th floor apartment with a concierge, in the heart of Westminster, close to the facilities of Victoria Street and Cardinal Place.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, balcony.

Furnished £1,325 per week



WHITTAKER STREET, SW1

A well located and unusual house situated in a modern development close to Sloane Square.

Bedroom, bathroom, reception room.

Furnished £625 per week



WINCHESTER STREET, SW1

An immaculately presented raised ground floor flat in a period building, close to Victoria Station.

Bedroom, bathroom, reception room.

Furnished £400 per week

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BURTON MEWS, SW1

A beautifully modernised house with a garage in a secluded Belgravia mews.

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (2 en suite), reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, cloakroom, patio, garage.

Freehold Guide Price £3,695,000



ST GEORGE'S SQUARE, SW1

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2/3 bedrooms, 3 en suite bathrooms, drawing room, study/bedroom 3, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, balcony, lift.

Freehold Share Guide Price £1,695,000



D'OYLEY STREET, SW1

An exceptionally attractive flat close to Sloane Square.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, drawing room, balcony, cloakroom/utility room, cloakroom, separate artists' studio/study.

Freehold Share Guide Price £1,595,000



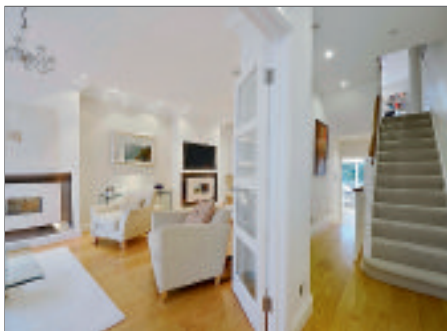
WESTMORELAND PLACE, SW1

A charming house arranged over three storeys.

2/3 bedrooms, bathroom, reception room, sitting room/bedroom 3, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, study, balcony.

Freehold Guide Price £1,195,000





Elthiron Road, Parsons Green, SW6

A spectacular five bedroom, five bathroom family home arranged over four floors and extending to over 2740 sqft. Impeccably designed, this property features an exceptional amount of entertaining space over the ground and lower ground floors, both of which feature under-floor heating throughout. Elthiron Road is one of Parsons Green's premier residential streets, being just moments from transport and local amenities as well as the open spaces of Parsons Green and Eel Brook Common.

£2,800,000 Freehold

5 Bedrooms
5 Bathrooms
Double Reception Room
Fitted Kitchen
Media Room
Patio Garden

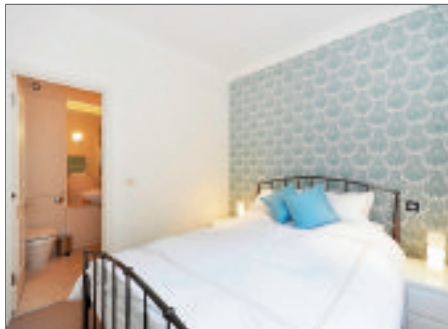


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Harcourt Terrace, SW10

A fantastic two bedroom, two bathroom apartment located on this popular road in Chelsea. This lovely period conversion has been recently redecorated and is offered unfurnished with a spacious reception room and a separate kitchen.

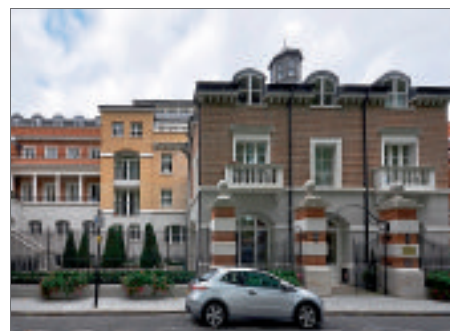
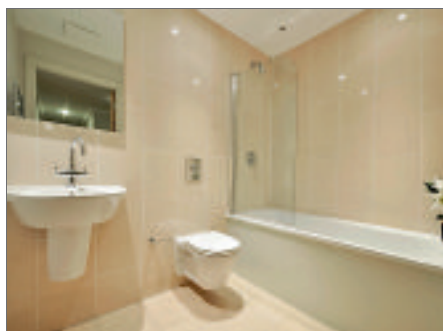
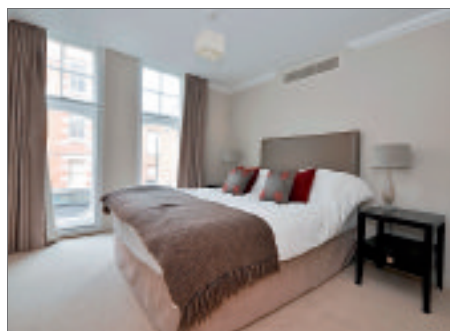
£750 per week Unfurnished

1 reception
Separate kitchen
2 bedrooms
1 bathroom
1 en suite
Period conversion

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Vincent Square, SW1P

A stunning two bedroom apartment situated on the 4th floor of this prestigious development in Vincent Square well situated for Victoria Station. The property boasts stylish décor, wood floors, 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms one of which is en-suite, a very modern open plan reception and kitchen, parking and 24 hour concierge.

£850 per week Furnished

Stylish decor throughout
Open plan kitchen
Prestigious development
Excellent transport links
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24 hour concierge

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West Eaton Place, SW1X

£3,950,000

What: A wonderful, share of freehold Belgravia apartment.

Wow factor: Excellent reception space and two large bedroom suites.

Extras: Benefits from a dual aspect, so plenty of natural light, high ceilings in reception room, large kitchen with direct access to the outside terrace, and a guest cloakroom.

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Onslow Gardens, SW7

£2,150,000

What: A stunning period conversion with direct access to communal gardens.

Wow factor: Onslow Gardens is one of South Kensington's most sought after addresses.

Extras: Three double bedrooms, one reception room, two bathrooms, and a stunning open plan kitchen.

*Marsh & Parsons Chelsea,
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Observatory Gardens, W8

£3,200,000

What: A beautifully presented raised ground floor maisonette situated within this highly regarded development.

Wow factor: This exceptional apartment has the added advantage of its own street entrance, 24 hour porterage and underground parking.

Extras: Three bedrooms, two receptions, and three bathrooms.

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Portland Road, W11

£2,595,000

What: A fantastic, interior designed house in this secure gated mews.

Wow factor: Excellent space for entertaining with open plan living extending through the whole of the ground floor.

Extras: Four bedrooms, one reception room, three bathrooms, kitchen/ breakfast area, and solid oak floors.

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Garden House FebFest

Marsh & Parsons would like to extend their warmest thanks to everyone who donated so generously at Chelsea's Garden House Schools annual FebFest. Valuable funds were raised for Royal Hospital Chelsea and Auditory Verbal UK. It was a fabulous evening, with lots of treats on offer – the cupcakes were a huge hit!

Market Comment

Adam Stackhouse, New Homes
There is increasingly strong demand from domestic buyers re-entering the 'buy-to-let' sector and a continued appetite for Central London property from overseas investors. This has resulted in a series of 'multiple bids' for units that are new to the market with the usual New Homes benefit of paying a reservation fee ensuring that once buyers commit they cannot then be 'gazumped' for the purchase – offering peace of mind for both buyer and seller. Interestingly, house builders are holding back stock as they adopt a 'phased release' strategy for their properties in the belief that prices will continue to improve over the course of 2012.



Tube station giveaway

Marsh & Parsons has been giving the winter blues the cold shoulder, by taking to the streets and local Tube stations and giving away Oyster Card holders. More than 15,000 lucky locals so far have received one of their 'freebies'. They will also be generously handing out more to early morning commuters throughout March. To find out where and when, visit www.facebook.com/marshandparsons

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Lower Addison Gardens W14 £7,500,000

A magnificent family home occupying a wide plot with a large southerly garden. Beautifully refurbished to an exacting standard this handsome property provides well balanced family accommodation over five floors, including a huge raised ground floor double reception room, a fully fitted kitchen/dining room and a family room that leads onto the southerly aspect garden. The bedroom accommodation includes a large master suite and four further double bedrooms served by two large bathrooms. **Joint Sole Agents.**

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West Eaton Place SW1 £3,950,000

This wonderful Belgravia apartment is located on a corner position and boasts plenty of natural light. The ground floor provides a large reception room, a contemporary kitchen with direct access to a terrace and a guest cloakroom. The lower ground provides a utility room and two superb bedroom suites, both with luxurious en suite bathrooms. Share of Freehold. **Joint Sole Agent.**

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Green Street W1 £3,600,000

This large and elegant Mayfair apartment is situated toward the eastern end of Green Street, which sits below Oxford Street and is regarded as one of Mayfair's most popular addresses. The property occupies the ground and lower ground floors of this well maintained period building. The ground floor comprises a reception room and eat-in kitchen. The lower ground floor boasts two excellent bedroom suites and access to the private garden. Share of Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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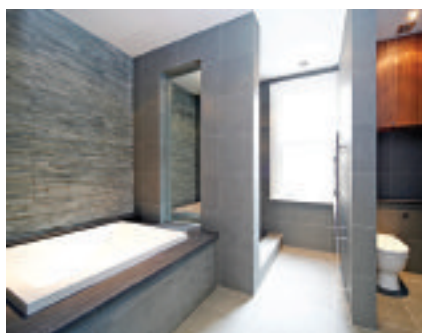
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Bishops Road SW6 £2,250,000

Arranged over three floors this stunning property comprises two large reception room, a contemporary kitchen, a dining area leading out to a patio garden, an wonderful master bedroom with en suite bathroom and three further double bedrooms all with en suite bathrooms. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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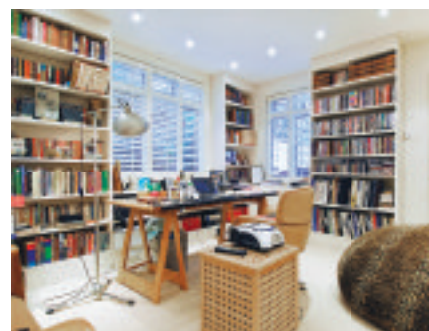
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Fulham Road SW6 £2,195,000

Arranged over two floors this extraordinary house comprises, a sensational double height, vaulted reception room, a TV/media area, a fully integrated kitchen, a superb master bedroom suite, a large office/double bedroom with en suite shower room, three further double bedrooms, a family bathroom, a split level roof terrace and access to communal garden. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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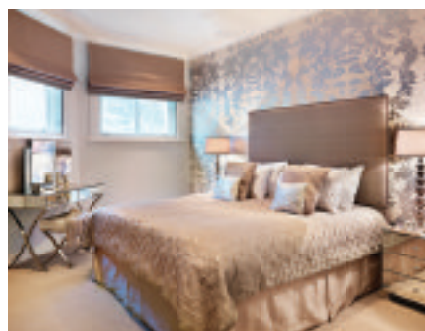
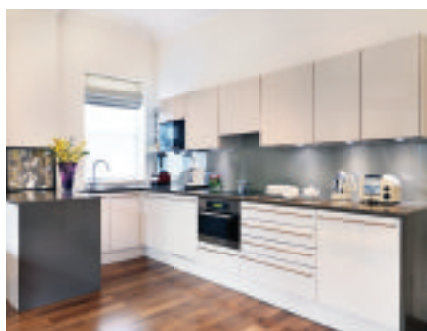
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Onslow Gardens SW7 £2,150,000

This wonderful ground floor maisonette is presented in excellent condition having recently been completely refurbished. The property comprises a stunning open plan kitchen/reception room with direct access to the private patio and communal gardens. The bedroom accommodation boasts a master bedroom with en suite shower room, a utility/cloakroom, two further double bedrooms and a large family bathroom. Leasehold.

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Callcott Street W8 £2,150,000

Situated in the ever popular 'Hillgate Village' area this exceptional house benefits from excellent living/entertaining space comprising a large double reception room, a contemporary kitchen leading out to the private patio garden, a large master bedroom with en suite bathroom, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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Chesham Street SW1 £1,625,000

This fabulous apartment has recently undergone a full refurbishment and now offers a 'turn key' opportunity in this prime London location. Split over two levels, there is a superb open plan reception room to the front of the property, a modern kitchen which leads directly out to a wonderful roof terrace, two large double bedrooms (one en suite) and a shower room. Leasehold. **Joint Sole Agent.**

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Eaton Mews North SW1 £1,650 per week

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Holland Park W11 £895 per week

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Royal Belgrave House SW1 £550 per week

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Bovingdon Road W10 £525 per week

This stunning property comprises a large open plan kitchen/reception room with plenty of dining space, wooden floors and dual aspect, two bedrooms with built in storage and a patio off the master bedroom and a modern bathroom

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Egerton Gardens Mews, Knightsbridge SW3

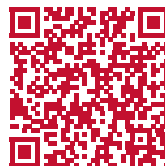
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Reception room
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- 2 Double garages
- Views over Egerton Gardens
- Approx. 1,713 sq ft (159.1 sq m)

*"A house with character
and development
potential"*

Guide price £3.5 million

Freehold

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Cadogan Square, Knightsbridge SW1X

- 3 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- Reception room
- Kitchen / breakfast room
- Access to communal gardens (and tennis court) by separate arrangement
- Approx. 1,475 sq ft (137 sq m)

"An immaculate flat overlooking the stunning square gardens"

Guide price £4.75 million

Leasehold (101 years remaining)

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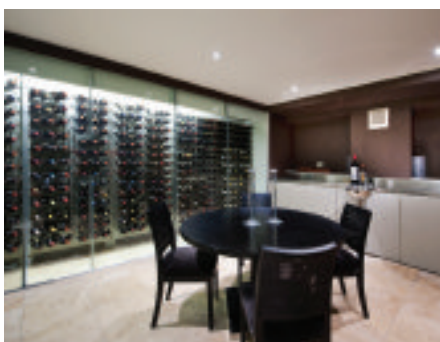
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- Mezzanine Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Floating Library
- Study/Office
- Guest Cloakroom
- Cinema Room

- 6 Bedrooms
- 5 Bathrooms
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- Plant Room
- Roof Terrace
- Patio Garden

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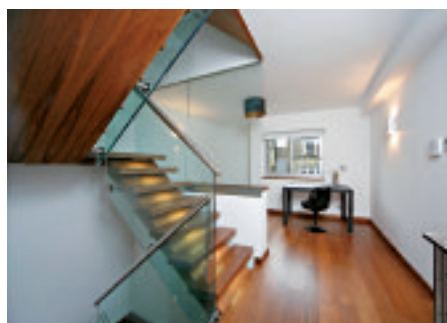
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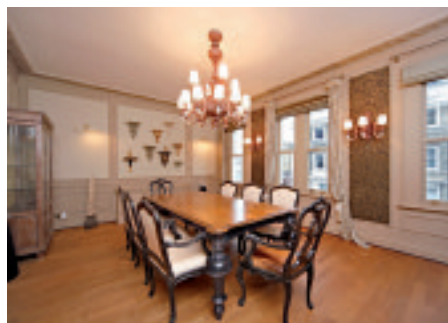


Unique Freehold Shaftesbury Mews, Kensington W8

A beautiful, immaculately refurbished, end of terrace freehold house (153 sq m/1,650 sq ft approx.) perfectly positioned within the heart of Kensington within a pretty and peaceful cul-de-sac. This superb, modern townhouse has been meticulously finished to an exceptionally high standard throughout offering contemporary and well-proportioned living and entertaining space. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, laundry, kitchenette, patio, balcony, roof terrace, garage.

Freehold £2,500,000

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Prestigious Location Braemar Mansions, Kensington SW7

A magnificent lateral apartment (303 sq m/3,270 sq ft approx.) located on the third floor of a highly sought-after portered building complete with direct lift access. The property is presented in excellent condition throughout boasting luxurious living accommodation and vast, enviable entertaining space and access to the beautiful communal gardens. 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms (3 en suite), bedroom 5/dressing room, double reception room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, guest cloakroom, direct lift access, 24 hour portage, communal garden access.

Share of freehold £5,950,000

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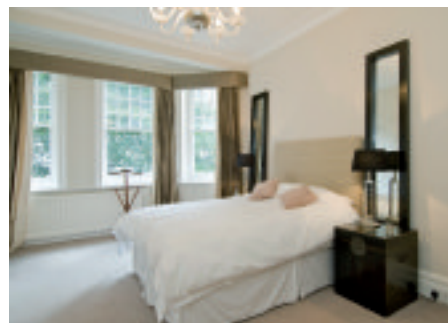
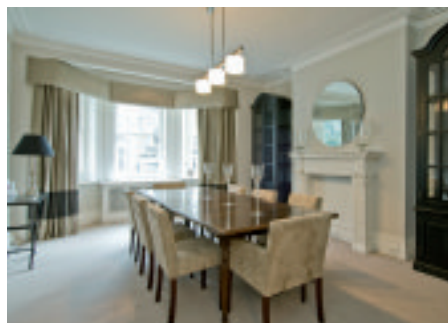
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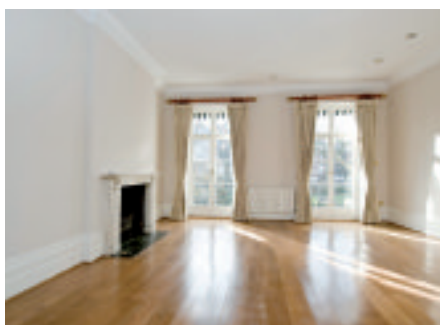
Mansion Splendour Campden Hill Court, Kensington W8

A beautiful and elegant apartment (189 sq m/2,032 sq ft approx.) quietly situated on the second floor of this striking, sought after mansion building. Flooded with natural light and overlooking the impeccable ornamental gardens, this handsome and well proportioned lateral property is presented in excellent condition throughout offering classical and contemporary finishes. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, concierge, lift, ornamental gardens, 24 hour security.

Share of freehold £3,600,000

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Favoured Crescent Pelham Crescent, Chelsea SW7

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Unfurnished £5,500 per week

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Style & Substance Kensington Park Road, Notting Hill W11

An immaculately presented maisonette, boasting a beautiful first floor reception room with high ceilings and hard wood flooring, an eat-in kitchen and a secluded roof terrace. 4 bedrooms, shower room, en suite bathroom, reception room, kitchen, study, cloakroom, roof terrace.



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Portered Block Wynnstay Gardens, Kensington W8

An exceptionally spacious flat situated in this well maintained portered mansion block. The property benefits from great entertaining space, wooden floors and high ceilings. Wynnstay Gardens is situated in the heart of Kensington within easy walking distance of Kensington High Street Underground Station. 4 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, lift, porter.



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Volume & Light Portobello Road, Notting Hill W11

An interior designed flat on the first floor of this period conversion. The property boasts a fantastic open plan living space, which leads onto a large private decked roof terrace making the flat ideal for entertaining. 2 bedrooms, shower room, en suite bathroom, reception room, kitchen/dining room, roof terrace.

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Central Location Elvaston Place, South Kensington SW7

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Head of Sales: Andrew Scott

Company Profile: Strutt & Parker is one of the UK's leading, privately owned property partnerships.

Typical Property: Family houses and flats in prime Chelsea and South Kensington.

Tips to Tenant: When putting forward an offer ask questions and be as detailed as possible.

Tips to Landlord: Newly refurbished and immaculate properties attract the most interest.

Market Comment: Multiple tenants are offering on the same property resulting in rents being achieved over the asking price.

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www.struttandparker.com

BODENS RESIDENTIAL

Head of Lettings: Lizzie Young

Head of Sales: Nicholas Boden

Company profile: B O D E N S prides itself on being a boutique agency with a high level of personal service.

Tips to Tenant: Listen to your agent; they know the market better than you.

Tips to Landlords: Present your property in the best condition possible.

Market Comment: The lettings market has had a good start to 2012, there is slightly more stock available but still good quality tenants looking.

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SAVILLS

Head of Lettings: Simon Fernandes

Head of Sales: Noel De Keyzer

Company Profile: International and globally recognised brand employing local experts.

Typical Property: Specialists in high quality property of all types.

Tips to Tenant: Be prepared to take a good quality property quickly.

Tips to Landlord: Present your property in the best light by fully preparing.

Market Comment: The market for one and two bedroom executive apartments is currently receiving most interest.

139 Sloane Street, SW1X, 020 7730 0822

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JOHN D WOOD & CO

Head of Lettings: Louise (Boo) Good

Head of Sales: Andy Buchanan

Company Profile: Professional staff with excellent local knowledge.

Typical Property: From good studio flats to the larger family houses.

Tips to Tenant: No time to hang around, if you like it take it!

Tips to Landlord: Present your property at its best.

Market Comment: Stock levels are improving but we always need more for the ever increasing demand.

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KNIGHT FRANK

Head of Lettings: Juliet Hill

Head of Sales: Eliza Leigh

Company Profile: The world's largest privately owned



property agency and consultancy.

Typical Property: High quality houses and flats.

Tips to Tenant: Stock levels are still historically low so if you like a property make a quick decision.

Tips to Landlord: The market is becoming more competitive for landlords, so be realistic with asking rents.

Market Comment: After a strong start to last year economic uncertainties came to the fore and a drop in City job numbers meant rental growth began to slow in Central London from October.

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SAVILLS

Head of Lettings: Amelia Greene

Head of Sales: Charlie Bubeare

Company Profile: Savills was established in 1855 and is a leading estate agent providing a network of over 200 offices and associates around the world.

Typical Property: Anything from a smart studio pied a terre to a large family house on a garden square.

Tips to Tenant: Use an ARLA licensed agent and be prepared.

Tips to Landlord: Use an ARLA licensed agent. Presentation is key - take advice from your chosen agent to ensure your property is showing at its best.

Market Comment: A good start to 2012 so far. Stock levels are higher than last quarter of 2011, and demand is higher for one to two beds at £500-1,200 per week.

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agreene@savills.com, www.savills.com

CLUTTONS

Head of Lettings: Mary Musgrave

Head of Sales: Charlie Noel-Buxton

Company Profile: Cluttons is a well established firm of chartered surveyors and property consultants.

Typical Property: Quality properties from studios to large family houses.

Tips to Tenant: Be realistic in your expectations and decisive when you see a flat that meets your requirements.

Tips to Landlord: It is important to present your property at its best.

Market Comment: The rental market is strong with a good start to 2012. Well presented properties are

renting quickly.

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STANLEY CHELSEA

Head of Lettings: Alison Franks

Head of Sales: Patrick Bullick

Company Profile: A small company which punches above its weight.

Typical Property: Anything in Kensington & Chelsea and Knightsbridge & Belgravia.

Tips to Tenant: If you like it so will someone else, so take it.

Tips to Landlord: Presentation is still crucial to getting the best rent.

Market Comment: Rents on prime properties seem to have stabilized over the last year and so have property values.

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AYLESFORD INTERNATIONAL

Head of Lettings: Catherine Cockcroft

Head of Sales: Louise Hewlett

Company Profile: Aylesford International is an independent firm with expertise in prime Central London residential property.

Typical Property: Ranging from two bedroom properties to five bedroom+ family houses.

Tips to Tenant: Due to there being fewer properties available to rent, it is important to act quickly once you have made your choice.

Tips to Landlord: The shortage of properties on the market is positive for current landlords, but companies, now wary of the economic conditions, are recruiting less resulting in fewer new tenants. Subsequently, rental properties have to be finished to a high standard.

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www.aylesford.com



CHESTERTON HUMBERTS

Head of Lettings: John Humphris

Head of Sales: Andrew La Personne

Company Profile: With a network of over 65 offices across the world.

Typical Property: Apartments and houses that cater for the luxury and corporate markets.

Tips to Tenant: There is a shortage of good quality properties so be prepared to act fast.

Tips to Landlord: Presentation and price are the key drivers in the market.

Market Comment: I expect the 2012 Central London lettings market to be characterised by a greater demand for short let properties, longer term tenancy agreements & shorter void periods.

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DOUGLAS & GORDON

Head of Lettings: Amy Dixon

Head of Sales: Ed Mead

Company Profile: Established over 50 years ago, Douglas & Gordon is an independent estate agency with 16 Central and South-West London offices.

Typical Property: Good quality one bedroom flats from £400 per week to large four/five bedroom family houses from £2,500 to £5,000 per week.

Tips to Tenant: If you see a property you like act quickly, chances are someone else will like it too!

Tips to Landlord: Make sure your properties are well presented, clean, bright and welcoming.

Market Comment: The new year has seen more stock coming on to the market with demand holding up.

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www.douglasandgordon.co.uk

FARRAR & CO

Head of Lettings: Sarah McIntyre

Head of Sales: Julian Chambers

Company Profile: A well respected, local and independent company whose lettings team has approximately 80 years combined experience.

Typical Property: A spectrum of good quality properties from studios to large family houses.

Tips to Tenant: Register your details with an agent who does actually listen to your needs and requirements and recommends properties accordingly.

Tips to Landlord: Always instruct an ARLA agent as there are plenty of benefits for you in doing so.

Market Comment: 2012 got off to a strong start with numerous tenancies secured in the first few weeks of the New Year.

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STRUTT & PARKER

Head of Lettings: Harriett Hustler

Head of Sales: Simon Rose

Company Profile: Strutt & Parker is a Partnership, priding itself on delivering exceptional client service.

Typical Property: Size doesn't matter to us – it's all about quality property in Prime Central London.

Tips to Tenant: Be prepared, work closely with your trusted agent and when you see your perfect home, don't delay or someone else will get it!

Tips to Landlord: Present your property immaculately; if it looks loved, in return it will be loved by your tenants.

Market Comment: The 2012 market has kicked off very strongly with increased rental levels from last year. Quality stock is still in short supply and any properties new to the market that are prepared in good condition and priced correctly are letting very quickly.

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HENRY & JAMES

Head of Lettings: Annaliese Griffiss

Head of Sales: James Bailey

Company Profile: Henry & James is one of London's finest independent estate agencies, priding itself on excellent local knowledge.

Typical Property: From quality pieds-a-terre to interior designed apartments and luxury family houses.

Tips to Tenant: With many landlords hoping to cash in on the Olympics, long-term renters are advised to get settled well before the summer period.

Tips to Landlord: If you are thinking of doing an Olympic let, remember to factor in potential void periods both before and after the summer.

Market Comment: Realistically priced, well-decorated properties are moving quickly due to an influx of Russian, Turkish and Chinese tenants.

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www.henryandjames.co.uk

KNIGHT FRANK

Head of Lettings: David Mumby

Head of Sales: James Pace

Company Profile: Internationally renowned property consultants.

Typical Property: The best quality houses and flats across South Kensington and Chelsea.

Tips to Tenant: With the historically limited choice of properties to rent be prepared to move quickly.

Tips to Landlord: The current market is strong after a committed recovery throughout 2011, but street records will only be achieved for the very best properties.

Market Comment: 2011 saw some of the highest rents yet achieved in the capital. 2012 continues with Limited availability of property yet a cautious rental growth outlook.

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JOHN D WOOD & CO

Head of Lettings: James Simmons

Head of Sales: Flats – Marina Collett, Houses

– Spencer Cushing

Company Profile: Integrity, efficiency, courtesy and going the extra mile are our values. We will earn your trust, give you sound advice and we always put our clients' interests first.

Typical Property: Nothing is too small or too large.

Tips to Tenant: No time to hang around, if you like it take it!

Tips to Landlord: Present your property at its best.

Market Comment: Plenty of buyers and a lack of property on the market mean prices are holding up well and look set to stay for the immediate future.

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jsimmons@johndwood.co.uk

BEANEY PEARCE

Head of Lettings: Gemma Corr

Head of Sales: Henry Smith

Company Profile: Independent agency established in 1991. Dedicated sales and lettings teams covering prestigious developments in Chelsea, Notting Hill and South Kensington offices.

Typical Property: A wide range from studios, family houses and new developments.

Tips to Landlord: Choose an agent who is committed to ensuring your best interests are served.

Tips to Seller: Start your search early - the only way to get ahead of the curve in this competitive market.

Market Comment: The strong Central London market continues to be fuelled by international buyers looking for a safe investment and taking advantage of favourable exchange rates and low interest rates.

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BECTIVE LESLIE MARSH

Head of Lettings: Tana Shanagher

Head of Sales: Andrew Everill

Company Profile: Bective Leslie Marsh have six offices in Central and West London.

Typical Property: Flats and houses from £400 to £3,000 per week.

Tips to Tenant: There is a lot of competition out there so if you see a property that suits your requirements it is vital to act quickly.

Tips to Landlord: Ensure that your property is shown in its best light and looking immaculate.

Market Comment: The market is buoyant and although there is a lack of quality stock at the lower end of the market, lettings across the board remain at a healthy level.

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MARLER & MARLER

Head of Lettings: Helen Hitchcock

Head of Sales: Charlie Findlater

Company Profile: One of the oldest independent central London estate agents.

Typical Property: Flats and houses around the Knightsbridge and Chelsea area.

Tips to Tenant: Use an ARLA registered agent who has a good knowledge of the area.

Tips to Landlord: Present your property to a good clean, fresh and modern standard in order to attract a good quality tenant.

Market Comment: Rents expected to plateau this year.

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CHAPELTONS

Head of Lettings: Annemarie Heller

Head of Sales: Edward Simpson

Company Profile: Well established, highly regarded independent Chelsea agent, specialists in the area south of the Kings Road to the river.

Typical Property: Studios to large family houses in Chelsea and South Kensington.

Tips to Tenant: Be prepared, be flexible and keep it simple!

Tips to Landlord: Presentation is everything...

Market Comment: Rents still increasing at a steady rate, however landlords should not over estimate the Olympic effect.

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www.chapeltons.com

ANDRE LANAUVRE

Head of Lettings: Magdalena Grabarz

Head of Sales: Philip Hillier

Company Profile: Independent estate agent established since 1986 specialising in Prime Central London sales and lettings.

Typical Property: Anything from a well presented studio flat to a large family home and everything in between.

Tips to Tenant: Be organized with references and a deposit to secure a property, the market is still tight in terms of stock and so if you negotiate a good deal, move swiftly to secure it.

Tips to Landlord: Listen to your agent's advice. When a tenant vacates, review the property and make sure any repairs and updates are carried out as soon as possible to get the property looking its best - this will help it achieve the greatest rent.

Market Comment: We have good applicants registering but we are still in need of properties at all levels to meet this demand.

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CRANLEY GARDENS, SW7

An extremely light and bright newly refurbished apartment on the second floor (with lift) of this well located building close to the amenities of South Kensington and the Fulham Road. The property has been finished to a very high quality and is presented in a neutral contemporary style. The two double bedrooms have good storage and both lead on to a small west facing terrace. There is an en-suite shower room and a separate bathroom.

£1095 per week

Unfurnished



EVELYN GARDENS, SW7

A fabulous three bedroom third floor flat with a lift in a well maintained red-brick building with south facing views over the communal gardens to which residents have access. It was refurbished to an extremely high standard with neutral modern decor and great attention to detail in all the fixtures and fittings.

£2100 per week

Unfurnished



DRAYTON GARDENS, SW10

Absolutely wonderful four bedroom fourth floor apartment (with lift) in a well-run portered mansion building close to the shops and restaurants of the Fulham Road. This spacious and light flat has high ceilings and great views west from the reception room and the exceptionally well designed kitchen/dining room.

£3000 per week

Unfurnished



LENNOX GARDENS, SW1

This classic three bedroom, second floor flat is situated in an attractive redbrick building ideally located for the restaurants and transport facilities of Knightsbridge, South Kensington and Sloane Square. The flat is beautifully presented with a fabulous drawing room overlooking the communal gardens. There is also a balcony at both the front and rear of the property.

£1500 per week

Unfurnished

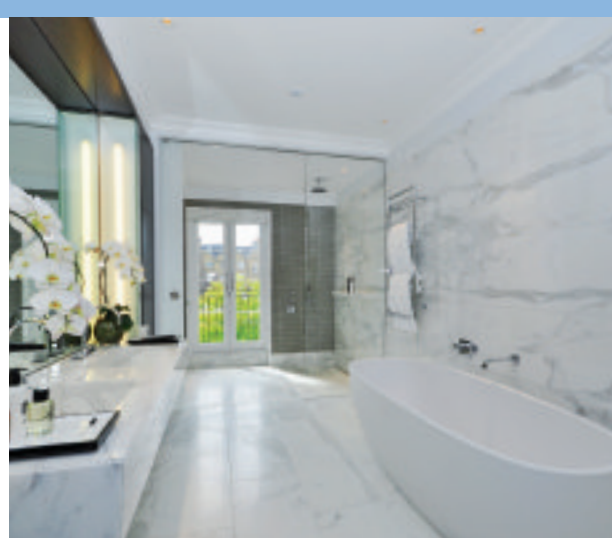




CHESHAM PLACE, BELGRAVIA, SW1

This recently refurbished stunning four bedroom penthouse apartment designed in the modern idiom behind the magnificent period façade is arranged over the top three floors with direct lift access. The property overlooks the gardens of Chesham Place with far reaching westerly views towards Cadogan Place and is well located for the exclusive shopping facilities and restaurants of Belgravia and Knightsbridge. Included is a 2 bedroom apartment with bathroom and shower room situated on the lower ground floor which would make ideal staff or guest accommodation. It also benefits from a West facing garden.





Accommodation: Atrium style entrance hall, main reception with dining area leading to large kitchen/ breakfast room leading to terrace, media/family room, guest cloakroom, large master bedroom with dressing area with spacious bathroom en suite, guest bedroom with en suite shower room, 2 further bedrooms with en suite bathrooms. **Guest/staff flat:** reception room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, shower room and garden.

£15,950,000

Share of freehold

Sole selling agent

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a separate annex just off Lillie Road

£1,550,000
Freehold



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- Annex
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- West Brompton underground

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Redfield Lane, SW5

A stunning recently refurbished four bedroom house with a roof terrace in Earls Court

£3,150,000
Freehold



- Four bedrooms
- Three bathrooms and a sauna
- Two living rooms
- Arranged over four floors
- Private roof terrace
- Earls Court underground

South Kensington & Chelsea sales
020 7373 8883

Queens Gate Terrace, SW7

A spacious three bedroom flat immaculately refurbished close to Hyde Park and Gloucester Road

£1,995,000
Share of freehold



- Three bedrooms
- Two receptions and Study
- Private patio
- Direct lift access
- Close to Hyde Park
- Gloucester Road underground

South Kensington & Chelsea sales
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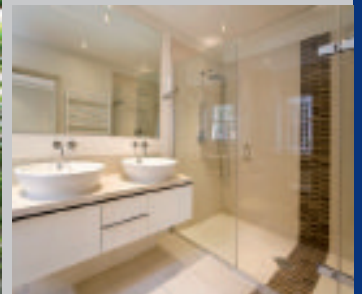
Chard

Marloes Road, W8

A spacious three bedroom flat with high ceilings and private garden in Kensington

£1,800,000

Share of freehold



- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Period conversion
- High ceilings
- Private gardens
- High Street Kensington underground

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020 7373 8883

Cornwall Gardens, SW7

A wonderfully light, south facing two bedroom apartment in Kensington.

£1,195,000

Leasehold



- Two bedrooms
- Excellent order
- 20'x 21' reception
- South facing
- Lift
- Gloucester Road underground

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Carlyle Court, SW10

A spacious two bedroom flat with parking in a sought after riverside development in Chelsea



£775,000 Leasehold

- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Porter
- Private terrace
- Underground parking
- Imperial Wharf station

South Kensington & Chelsea sales 020 7373 8883

Harwood Road, SW6

Three double bedroom duplex flat with a private roof terrace in the heart of Fulham Broadway



£750,000 Leasehold

- Three double bedrooms
- Living room with a dining area
- Potential to extend
- Private roof terrace
- Family bathroom/En suite
- Fulham Broadway underground

Fulham sales 020 7731 5115

Regency House, SW6

Two double bedroom riverside apartment with a private balcony in Fulham



£599,950 Share of freehold

- Two double bedrooms
- Living room with wood floors
- Separate fitted kitchen
- Sixth floor with lift access
- Balcony
- Fulham Broadway underground

Fulham sales 020 7731 5115

Vera Road, SW6

A well-presented two double bedroom house in Munster Village



£499,950 Freehold

- Two double bedrooms
- Two floors
- Separate kitchen
- Potential to remodel
- Original features
- Parsons Green underground

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Wetherby Gardens, SW5

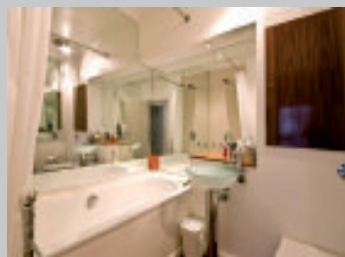
Raised ground floor contemporary two bedroom flat
close to Gloucester Road

£1,095 p/w
Furnished



- Two bedroom flat
- Victorian conversion
- Separate kitchen
- Tiled bathroom with shower over bath
- Large living room with space for dining
- Gloucester Road underground

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Chard

Hurlingham Road, SW6

Recently refurbished five double bedroom house with a garden and roof terrace in Parsons Green

£1,750 p/w
Unfurnished



- Five double bedrooms
- Double reception room
- Split over four floors
- Four bathrooms
- Private roof terrace and garden
- Parsons Green underground

Fulhamlettings
020 7384 1400

Musgrave Crescent, SW6

Refurbished four double bedroom house with two reception rooms overlooking Eel Brook Common

£1,450 p/w
Unfurnished



- Four double bedrooms and a study
- Spacious kitchen
- Private garden and balcony
- Four floors
- Two bathrooms
- Fulham Broadway underground

Fulhamlettings
020 7384 1400



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Queens Gate Mews, SW7

Recently redecorated three bedroom mews house over three floors in South Kensington

£1,100 p/w

Furnished/unfurnished



- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Dining area
- Wood floors
- Separate kitchen
- Gloucester Road underground

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020 7244 7711

Roland Gardens, SW7

Refurbished two double bedroom flat just off Old Brompton Road and close to Gloucester Road

£995 p/w

Furnished/Unfurnished



- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Second floor
- Victorian conversion
- High ceilings
- Gloucester Road underground

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Bayswater & Paddington
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Chard

Wetherby Gardens, SW5

Two double bedroom, two bathroom duplex with terrace in South Kensington



£795 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms (one en-suite)
- Wood floors

- Private roof terrace
- Third and fourth floors
- Gloucester Road underground

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Astwood Mews, SW7

Two bedroom mews flat in South Kensington and close to Gloucester Road



£695 p/w Unfurnished

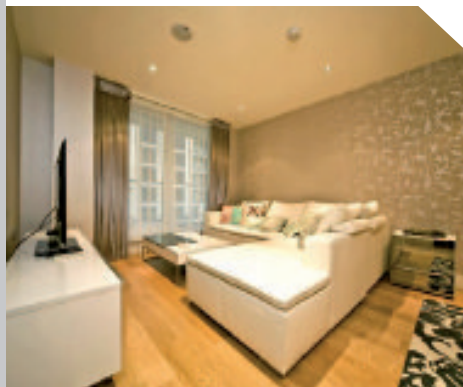
- Two bedrooms
- Living room with wood floors
- Fitted kitchen with dining area

- Two bathrooms
- Arranged over two floors
- Gloucester Road underground

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Lensbury Avenue, SW6

Contemporary two double bedroom riverside apartment with balcony in Imperial Wharf



£650 p/w Unfurnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious living room with a dining area
- Modern kitchen with a breakfast bar
- Two bathrooms
- Second floor (lift access)
- Fulham Broadway underground

Fulham lettings
020 7384 1400

Kenway Road, SW5

A well proportioned two bedroom cottage with a private patio garden in Earls Court



£615 p/w Unfurnished

- Two bedroom house
- Wood floors
- Private patio
- Redecorated
- Separate kitchen
- Earls Court Underground

South Kensington & Chelsea lettings
020 7244 7711

Elvaston Place, SW7

A stylish recently refurbished one bedroom flat close to Gloucester Road



£450 p/w Furnished

- One bedroom flat
- Feature fish tank
- Living room with oak wood floors
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Victorian conversion
- Gloucester Road Underground

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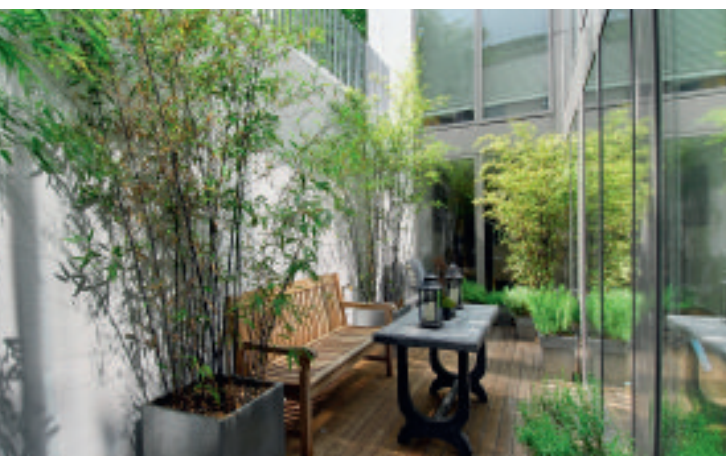
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A very uncompromised 1st floor flat presented in good condition throughout, adjacent to the gardens of Onslow Square.
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KINGS ROAD, SW3

An immaculate 1 bedroom ground floor flat with a beautiful newly refurbished interior and high ceilings throughout.
527 sq ft / 48.96 sq m

£750,000

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SLAIDBURN STREET, SW10

A newly refurbished 4 bedroom freehold house situated at the end of a quiet street with a large terrace.
1,368 sq ft / 127.09 sq m

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Freehold



PARK WALK, SW10

This 2 double bedroom flat is situated on the lower ground floor of a particularly well maintained period Victorian mansion block.
582 sq ft / 54.07 sq m

£660,000

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EDITH GROVE, SW10

A very interesting 2 double bedroom 2nd floor flat situated in this converted building at the northern end of Edith Grove.
804 sq ft / 74.69 sq m

£575,000

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PARK WALK, SW10

A stunning 2 double bedroom lower ground floor flat situated in this extremely popular Victorian mansion block.
692 sq ft / 64.29 sq m

£835,000

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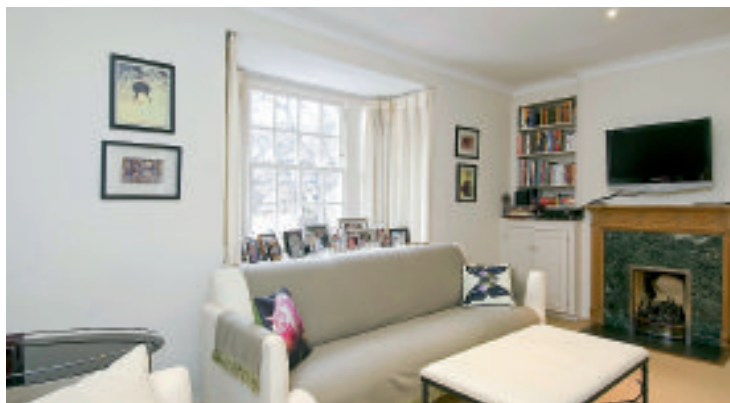


HARCOURT TERRACE, SW10

This bright 2 bedroom flat offers excellent accommodation but could benefit from general refurbishment/decoration.
832 sq ft / 77 sq m

£1,200,000

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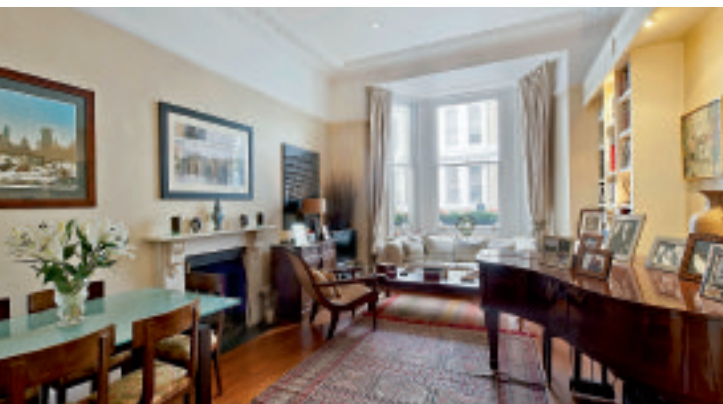


HILARY CLOSE, SW6

A well presented 4 bedroom town house within this ever popular gated development.
1,297 sq ft / 120 sq m

£1,275,000

Freehold



REDCLIFFE SQUARE, SW10

A stunning 2 double bedroom raised ground floor flat situated on this popular garden square.
1,034 sq ft / 96 sq m

£1,450,000

Share of
Freehold



REDCLIFFE GARDENS, SW10

A light and bright 2 bedroom top floor apartment forming part of an attractive period building on this popular tree lined street.
850 sq ft / 79 sq m

£699,950

Leasehold

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IVES STREET, SW3

A superb one bedroom apartment which has been designed in a very contemporary style with superb quality fixtures and fittings. The property boasts wood floors and underfloor heating throughout and is flooded with natural light. Ideally located in this quiet street yet moments from the bustling shops, restaurants and bars of Knightsbridge and South Kensington.

£700
per week
Furnished



EARL'S COURT SQUARE, SW5

A spacious three bedroom lateral apartment situated on the 4th floor (with lift) of this red brick mansion building with its own balcony and access to the communal gardens. The property has a dining hall, high ceilings throughout and bundles of natural light. The flat is quietly located a short walk from Earl's Court underground station and the bars, shops and restaurants.

£795
per week
Furnished or Unfurnished



ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

Having been completely refurbished throughout to a very high standard and in a contemporary style, this stunning two bedroom, two bathroom apartment is ideally located just off the Fulham Road, overlooking the communal gardens. The property has been superbly furnished and boasts an eat-in kitchen, a balcony off the reception and super storage throughout.

£800
per week
Furnished



EVELYN GARDENS, SW7

A stunning two double bedroom, two bathroom (both ensuite) apartment with its own private patio and with direct access to the communal gardens. The recent renovation allows bundles of natural light to flood the beautiful open plan kitchen and reception room which also has a spacious dining area, wood floors and double doors to the outside areas.

£925
per week
Furnished or Unfurnished



HENNIKER MEWS, SW3

A fabulous house situated in a private and quiet enclave moments from the popular Fulham Road. The house is beautifully furnished and comprises a lovely bright reception room with access to a roof terrace, an eat in kitchen, two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and an additional third bedroom/study.

£1250
per week
Furnished



IFIELD ROAD, SW10

A stunning raised ground floor apartment which has been finished to an extremely high standard with a large double reception room which has an abundance of natural light and double doors leading to a landscaped garden. There is ample storage space in the apartment including an old air raid shelter which has been renovated into an external storage room.

£1295
per week
Part Furnished



QUEENS GATE PLACE, SW7

A charming two double bedroom apartment which boasts plenty of period character. The property also offers two bathrooms, a semi-open plan kitchen, a wonderful entertaining reception room and a private terrace. Conveniently situated for all the amenities that Gloucester Road and South Kensington have to offer.

£1350
per week
Unfurnished



HOLLYWOOD MEWS, SW10

A beautiful five bedroom period house which is set over the ground and first floors and offers lateral low built living accommodation. The property also offers a spacious reception room with wooden floors, a kitchen/dining room, two bathrooms, a cloakroom and off street parking. The house is situated in a quiet private mews.

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Chelsea is a very unique area – a village in the centre of London. I love Chelsea for its weird and wonderful people from every walk of life and every corner of the globe. Chelsea attracts people from the top of their tree in whichever industry they work in, alongside local residents who have been based here all their lives. In our industry we get a brief insight into people's lives. Chelsea houses change and morph with the tastes of each generation. I am biased working on it, but my favourite stretch has got to be 'The Beach' along the Fulham Road and the small streets leading off it. On the bustling streets lined with family businesses, one off cafes, restaurants and boutique shops you can easily while away several hours.
Strutt & Parker LLP, 020 7373 1010

Pictured right, Charles Champion with Stuart Birke and Richard Compton-Miller



Charles Champion, Champions Why I love Chelsea

My favourite Chelsea spot is Lower Sloane Street. Although it is the neighbourhood around our office (you'll forgive me for being biased!) the village feel, especially on a sunny morning, means each day gets off to a great start. La Bottega with its legendary coffees is quite often the hub of activity. The Rose & Crown is one of the last traditional old 'boozers' where on will find a number of the Pensioners sipping gently from their personal tankards, whilst Oliver Brown across the road are arguably the best tailors around.

Champions, 020 7881 8080

My favourite street - Lamont Road Howard Elston, Aylesford International

A pretty Chelsea house in a very good position in the street with large, south facing windows to the front, and to the rear a charming outlook over gardens. Not only is the house appealing, but the area known as the Ten Acre Estate lying between the King's Road and the Fulham Road still has much of the 'bohemian' village appeal that has been lost further east. The streets are well arranged and widely spaced and immediately on the doorstep is a bewildering selection of traditional shops including dry cleaners, a newsagent, a baker, a butcher and a dental surgery. The Chelsea Bun and Mona Lisa cafes provide sustenance, and the indomitable Frantoio is as popular a restaurant as ever! What more does one need?

Aylesford International, 020 7351 2383

... And an international appeal

Nicholas Boden, Managing Director B O D E N S

Despite the turmoil caused by the Euro crisis and the most recent situation within Greece, Bodens residential sales department, which specialises in prime quality property within Central London, has seen no let up from its vast international buyer base and has recently had a record breaking year for both sales and lettings.

Over 70% of new buyers registering with us are non UK based, all looking for a safe haven to invest their wealth, where they cannot only buy a property to live in, but also get a return through letting the property as well.

Because of this massive influx of foreign buyers, the current sales market is being starved of properties available to buy, since most of these buyers are not releasing a property they have owned before. This situation will only continue the spiral effect on prices and I personally believe that Central London prices will continue to grow throughout this year in all the price brackets.

Bodens Residential, 020 7589 2000



Simon Corringham, Sales Director at Friend & Falcke

We know that the chief contributing factor positively impacting the value of properties in Prime Central London is the influx of foreign buyers into the market. What is interesting is the sheer scale of the increase in numbers of these buyers, and from where they originate. While numbers of Greek buyers have increased by 70% from last year, few of them are actually agreeing sales, whereas we have seen an almost 300% annual increase in the numbers of active buyers from Bahrain, Qatar and especially Lebanon. Typically these are middle class business people who have accumulated wealth and, as a Lebanese friend recently said, find the quality of life, the high standards of private education for their children and the liberal mindedness of most people in the UK to be a huge appeal. In fact many buyers from the Middle East are now leaving previously popular Paris, preferring to settle in London. Newcomers to the search for London property in the last four months have come from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine. London is truly the new capital of the world!

Friend & Falcke, 020 7581 3022



Elena Dimova, Managing Director Century 21 Sophia Elena

Activity since the start of the year has been buoyant. We expect demand to be healthy in 2012 driven by a combination of local players and international investors, with further inflows from wealth creation in the Far East and distressed Eurozone capital.

We are coming out of a season where stock availability has been tight and into the traditional busy spring season where more vendors will be offering properties on the market. Make no mistake, it is a beauty parade. If your property is being pitched in the wrong category it will look worse than its competitors and therefore prospective purchasers will discard it. Most people tend to look at or very close to their budget limit. Imagine a buyer is looking for a £1mn property and will not spend a penny more and your property is a £1mn property sitting on the market at £1.2mn. If that person looks only at £1mn and below, he will not see your property. If he decides to look up to £1.2mn with a view to make an offer and still not to pay any more than £1mn, your property will be less attractive compared to other £1.2mn properties and if that buyer was to make an offer, it will still not be on your property. The trap that vendors often fall into is opting for a higher asking price than the market can sustain with a view to take an offer and still achieve a higher end price than they would otherwise. In fact, what they end up doing is isolating the majority of their potential market and having to count on the one person who is lost across categories to make them an offer. In the Olympic spirit, in 2012 it will pay to be smarter, bolder and faster than your competitors.

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Chapel Street, SW1X

£4,500 p.w | Furnished

An impressive owner's own home located in the heart of Belgravia. This house, arranged over 3921 sq ft, has 5 double bedrooms, 3 of which are en suite, a very large eat-in kitchen and excellent entertaining space. The property has both a private south-west facing patio garden and access to the popular Belgrave Square Gardens with its tennis courts. This period family home has been elegantly decorated and can be taken on a furnished or unfurnished basis.

Large entrance hall, Three reception rooms, Large eat-in kitchen, Five bedrooms, Five bathrooms (three en-suites), Patio garden, Access to Belgrave Square communal gardens.

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Belgrave Mews South, SW1X

£1,300 p.w | Furnished

A charming, characterful house situated on a quiet mews close to both Knightsbridge and Sloane Square. The property has a spacious reception room with hard wood floors and vaulted ceiling, a separate kitchen with space for a breakfast table and chairs and the master bedroom has excellent built-in storage and modern en suite bathroom. This private mews also provides parking directly outside the property.

Reception room, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Two bathrooms, Guest cloakroom, Off street parking, Alarm, Sound system.

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Onslow Gardens, SW7

£2,150,000 | Leasehold

This three bedroom maisonette on the ground and lower ground floors of this handsome white stucco fronted property combines classical proportions with a contemporary refurbishment. The maisonette is located at a sought after Onslow Gardens address and benefits from direct access to beautiful communal gardens. Onslow Gardens is very well positioned within easy walking distance of fashionable South Kensington with its excellent transport links, shopping opportunities and restaurants, as well as moments from Gloucester Road underground station.

Entrance hall, Reception room / dining / kitchen, Three bedrooms, Two bathrooms (one en-suite), Cloakroom, Patio area, Communal gardens (access subject to usual consents).

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Chesham Street, SW1X

£1,600,000 | Leasehold | JSA: Knight Frank

An opportunity to acquire a beautifully presented two double bedroom third floor (with lift) pied a terre in the heart of Belgravia. Chesham street is a quiet one-way street ideally located for the excellent shops and world-class restaurants of prime central London. Knightsbridge and Sloane Square are also within easy walking distance.

Reception room, Kitchen, Two double bedrooms, Two bathrooms, Lift, Independent gas central heating.

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Caroline Terrace SW1W

A unique and prestigious low built, double fronted Belgravia house, with a large integral garage and a beautiful south-facing garden. This exceptional property is presented in good condition throughout however, there is also enormous potential

drawing room | family room | master bedroom (en suite) | 5 further bedrooms (1 en suite) | 1 further bathroom | kitchen/breakfast room | study | conservatory | utility room | pantry | vault storage | integral garage | balcony | south-facing garden

Guide price £6,500,000 leasehold



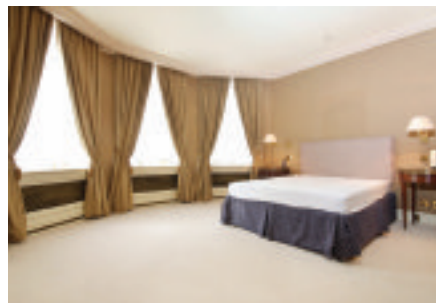


Bourne Street SW1W

A stunning and immaculately refurbished Belgravia house. This incredible and sleek turn key property benefits from superb entertaining space and three exquisite bedroom suites. The property is fully air-conditioned with Mode lighting and Sonos audio system centrally controlled via an iPad. Bourne Street is a beautiful residential street superbly located beside Sloane Square reception room with open-plan kitchen and dining area | 3 double bedrooms (en suite)

Guide price £3,000,000 freehold



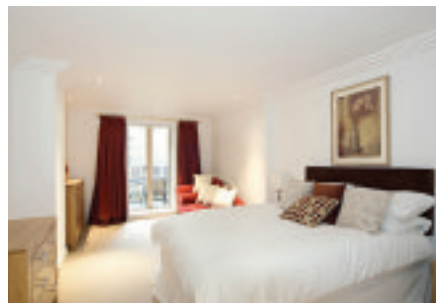


Sloane Court East SW3

A stunning, newly redecorated maisonette in the heart of Chelsea, located around the corner from the Saatchi Gallery and moments from Sloane Square and the fashionable shopping of the Kings Road. This bright property is neutrally decorated throughout, has two good sized double bedrooms both with fitted wardrobes, is fully furnished and is available immediately

reception room | 2 double bedrooms (en suite) | kitchen/breakfast room | guest cloakroom

£1,350 per week furnished



Westminster Green SW1P

A superb second floor executive Westminster apartment situated in a highly prestigious development with excellent on-site facilities including a gym, 24 hour porter, business facilities, a meeting room and secure underground parking. The flat offers lovely views over St John's Gardens with the Tate Britain located moments away

reception room | 2 double bedrooms (en suite) | kitchen | gym | business facilities | 24hr porter | secure parking | balcony

£850 per week furnished





Onslow Square SW7

This gorgeous property is situated on this much sought after garden square close to South Kensington underground station. The flat has been recently refurbished to the highest of standards and boasts wood flooring throughout

entrance hall | reception room | main bedroom (en suite) with dressing room | further double bedroom | shower room | kitchen | terrace | access to communal garden

£1,595 per week furnished

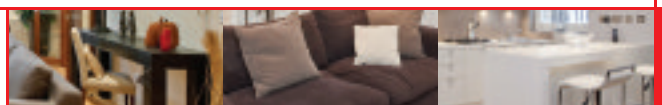


Elm Park Gardens SW10

This stunning property has been newly refurbished to an exceptional standard and is located just off Fulham Road close to the excellent amenities of Kings Road, South Kensington and Gloucester Road

entrance hall | reception room with open-plan kitchen | 2 double bedrooms (1 en suite) | further bathroom | study | patio | access to communal gardens

£850 per week furnished/unfurnished



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CLARGES STREET, W1

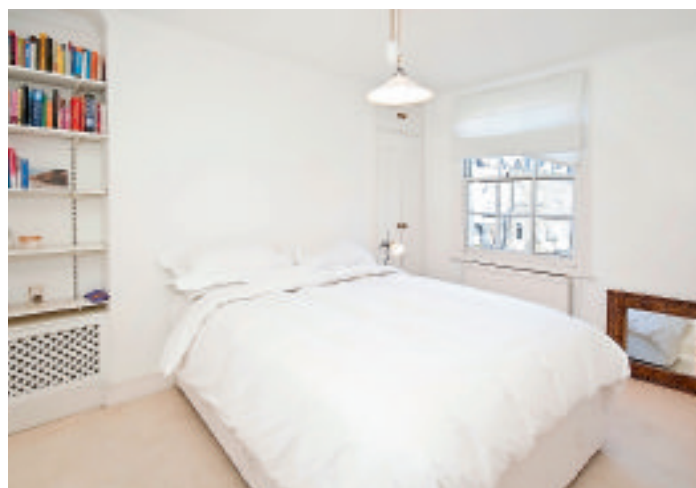
A stunning Mayfair penthouse with a terrace and conservatory. This flat has 3 bedrooms and an open plan reception and dining area. A secure underground parking space is included in this block with lift and porter.

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STRATFORD ROAD , W8

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Reception Room, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fitted Kitchen, Resident Parking Permits Available.

SHARE OF FREEHOLD

£735,000

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KNIGHTSBRIDGE, SW1

Excellent 7th floor flat with open outlook and partial view of Hyde Park. Wood floors throughout, 24 hour porter, 1323 Sq Ft. 2/3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Large Reception Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Study/Bedroom 3, Lift, Inclusive Of Heating & Hot Water.

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£1300 PER WEEK



LEXHAM GARDENS, W8

Unusually light ground floor maisonette with lovely terrace and patios. 1162 sq ft.

3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Reception Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Large Terrace & Patios, Communal Gardens.

UNFURNISHED

£895 PER WEEK



PRINCES GATE, SW7

Light and attractive 1st floor flat in a secure modern block moments from Hyde Park.

2/3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Cloakroom, Reception Room, Study/Bedroom 3, Kitchen, Lift, 24 Hour Porterage, Inclusive Of Hot Water.

FURNISHED

£950 PER WEEK



LANCASTER TERRACE W2,

Lovely, bright and spacious three bedroom apartment on the fourth floor of this excellent block minutes from Lancaster Gate tube station.

3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Cloakroom, Reception Room, Kitchen, Lift.

FURNISHED

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CONNAUGHT STREET W2,

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1,2 & 3 Bedrooms, 1-2 Bathrooms, Reception Room, Kitchen, Lift.

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HAMPDEN GURNEY STREET W1,

Attractive and bright three bedroom flat on the third floor of this small purpose built block.

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Tournay Road, Fulham Broadway, SW6

Superbly located for the amenities and transport links of Fulham Broadway, this stunning five bedroomed house offers stylish accommodation and neutral décor arranged over four floors of an imposing period terrace.

£1,950,000 F/hld

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LANCASTER MEWS, W2

A gorgeous newly redecorated mews house with a fabulous spacious and bright first floor reception.

Reception, open-plan kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite), study/dressing room, cloakroom, garage.

£1,400 per week Unfurnished

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QUEEN'S GATE MEWS, SW7

A charming and contemporary south-facing house tucked away in this cobbled mews.

Reception room, fully fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, single bedroom 3, en-suite shower room, bathroom.

£1,100 per week Un/furnished

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QUEEN'S GATE PLACE MEWS, SW7

A spacious and bright first and second floor mews maisonette offering flexible accommodation.

Double reception room, fully fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, shower room and roof terrace.

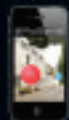
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ENNISMORE MEWS, SW7

A charming and spacious mews flat with its own entrance and an amazing 50 foot frontage with a bright westerly aspect over this picturesque cobbled Knightsbridge mews.

Reception room, kitchen, bedroom with en suite shower room, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, small patio.

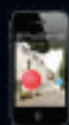
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Princes Gate Mews Knightsbridge SW7

An outstanding mews house with a wonderful roof terrace.

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- 2nd Reception room/sun room/4th Bedroom
- 3 double Bedrooms
- 4 Bathrooms
- Roof Terrace
- Small Garage

£1,800 per week
Furnished



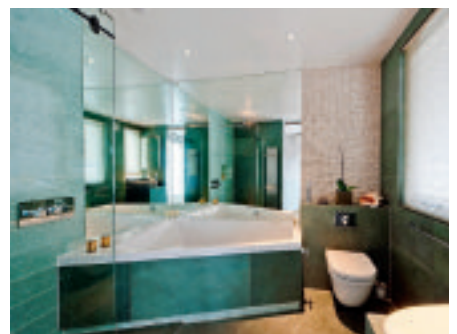
Beaufort Gardens Knightsbridge SW3

A spacious, recently refurbished split level flat close to Harrods.

- Double Reception
- 3 double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Shower room
- Semi open plan Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Terrace
- Lift

£995 per week
Unfurnished





Rutland Street, Knightsbridge SW7

1,256 sq ft / 116.6 sq m

An immaculate 'Knightsbridge Village' house in one of its prettiest streets.

- Reception room • Study • Kitchen/Dining room • 3 Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Shower room • Cloakroom • Terrace • Patio • Storage vault



Freehold £2,450,000

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Sir John Taylor left England in 1864 to start selling luxury houses to English aristocrats on the Cote d'Azur

We are experiencing the most profound changes that have ever befallen the property industry. Perhaps the Mayans were right in predicting a new beginning in 2012? A confluence of rapid changes in technology, an ongoing financial crisis, and an industry undergoing structural change to provide new services to a new type of client.

As a judge at the recent property industry EAE awards I was impressed by the adaptations that Estate Agents are making in these tumultuous times. Many were using iPads to show prospective vendors websites and comparable properties whilst visiting homes. There are new interactive websites being built where clients can log on to download feedback from viewings. Many businesses were extending hours through telephone smart technology.

The industry seems quick to adapt to new technology, to be seen "at the leading edge" but can we be slow to offer what the client actually wants? Is this why we have one of the world's lowest real estate fees? My John Taylor colleagues in Monaco and France charge 5 per cent sellers fees. When I said that London was at 2 per cent, they responded by asking for which part of the transaction that was for!

International buyers

Once it was not possible for a vendor to have any idea as to the price of their property. Nor was it easy to know what was on the market. This made a visit to an Estate Agent essential, and the fee for these





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services beyond debate. In the last ten years much of this information has been made available on the web and available to all. Interestingly, there is still only a very small proportion of sales not involving Estate Agents in England. Why is this? I believe it is because the majority of buyers who enquire on a property don't buy it. They buy something else that the agent has, because properties are not always quite as they seem when advertised with the owners requirements in mind. For this reason the agent is still indispensable, but at what fee?

With overwhelming volumes of data, instantly available, what else does the client want? In the prime market, where many of those selling or buying in London travel away frequently, and are time poor, I believe what the client wants is one point of contact, seven days a week, from a senior experienced professional, who will prioritise their

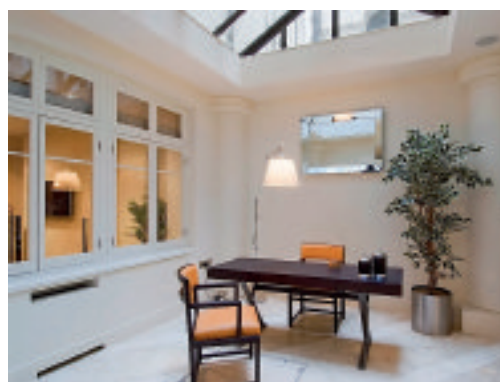
property over the other 50 in the Estate Agency. The London seller also seems to want an agent who has a unique access to the widest range of international buyers: International buyers who are likely to pay a premium because they are short of time. In an uncertain market many sellers also want discretion. This does not necessarily go hand in hand with the agent which can most quickly spread their home and lives across the media. So I have brought John Taylor home to England. John left in 1864 to start selling luxury houses to English aristocrats on the Cote d'Azur. The team in the new central London office will all be senior, experienced agents, and use the same one point of contact service employed across Europe. Just not at quite the same fee!

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The Cote d'Azur where Sir John Taylor started selling luxury houses to English aristocrats in 1864

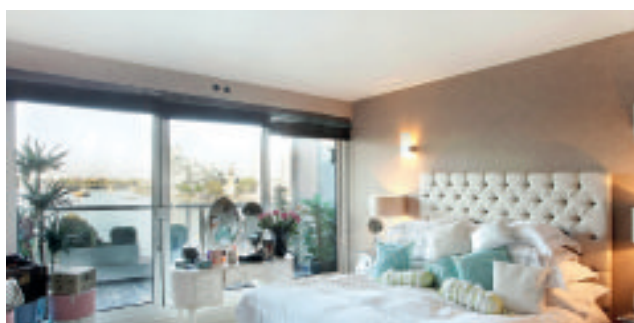


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Comments from four corners of The Resident



... Chelsea

What an unusual month we are having. One day we are quiet, the next furiously busy. One week we agree nothing, the next we agree 10 properties. Us agents are always trying to make sense and justify quiet patches: "Oh it's half term", "Half term runs for two weeks this term" etc etc etc.

We are running around and achieving good results, but there is seemingly no continuity to the trends... The City and the markets tends to have a 24 hours lag on activity for a busy or a quiet day. There I go again. Ben Osborne, Farrar & Co, 020 7244 4444

... Belgravia

The demand by applicants looking to purchase has significantly increased during the month of February to the extent where most of these buyers will retain us in order to find that elusive house or flat. New instructions are filtering on to the market and are being snapped up if realistically priced. That said we have been to sealed bids on two occasions during this month alone, clearly indicating that a premium can be achieved for the better properties. Lettings has seen a constant stream of new tenants and landlords are increasingly getting higher rents. New lets are achieving a 19.8% increase on this time last year. Positive is the word for 2012.

James Bailey, Henry & James, 020 7235 8861



... Pimlico

Pimlico's traditional English bias is slipping with many foreigners seeing they can buy more in what's still a very central patch. The year has got busier and busier with buyers way outnumbering sellers, who may be surprised what they can get. Prices are now well over 07/08 prices with no sign of a let up. Given mortgage rates look like staying low and with spring round the corner, now might just be the time to see what the experts say.

Alexander Leschallas, Douglas & Gordon, 020 7931 8200

... Knightsbridge

The temperature has risen, spring is in the air and as is often the case at this time of year, there is no shortage of people registering to buy and to rent, but the number of new properties coming on to the market is not keeping up!

The dearth of good stock for sale is keeping the pressure on the rental market as well and as we look ahead, there is no sign the pressure likely to ease. Percy Lawson Johnston, Brian Lack and Company, 020 7225 0878



Clockwise from top left, Farrar & Co's Ben Osborne; Alexander Leschallas of Douglas & Gordon; Brian Lack & Company's Percy Lawson Johnston; James Bailey of Henry & James



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Nina McDowall of Strutt & Parker offers her two cents on the property market



The current lettings market provides the perfect opportunity for people thinking of becoming landlords to finally dip their toes into the market. Tenant over supply continues with people competing for a limited supply of properties. This imbalance further supports the need for more people to invest. Knightsbridge and Belgravia particularly are perfectly placed for

rental investment due to the high demand for flats over houses, this is only likely to continue.

While living in these uncertain economic times the lettings market temporarily froze late Autumn 2011 resulting from the trauma that took place in Europe over the summer. This was very short lived and actually created a bottle neck of people that are now frantically looking. The market felt like it was following in the footsteps of 2007, but at a much quicker pace as people quickly adjusted to on-going economic anxiety and this has just become a fact of life. Combined with exciting national events taking place this year this sets a rosy arena for the lettings market in 2012 where demand for property will be at an all time peak.

Tenants are taking longer term tenancies, and it is not uncommon to agree 2-3 year tenancies instead of the usual 12 month tenancy. The

general mood amongst tenants is to secure longer term tenancies, suggesting that they are wising up to the competition. This is a risky business for a landlord looking to avoid a tenancy lockdown when demand is so high.

There is no trend suggesting that rents will start to fall for some time, unless people just can't afford current levels. Don't forget that RPI went into the negative in April 2009! What we have also witnessed is people managing their lives in 1 to 3 month periods. For those in a current tenancy that is due to expire, or renew, many are opting for short term renewals and landlords in return are seeking above RPI increases in return for less certainty. Some landlords quite like the flex as the national events cement in everyone's minds. There are pros and cons for each, and overall my 2012 advice to a landlord is to remain level headed.

As agents I feel strongly that we need to focus on tenant care. We work in this pro landlord arena where landlords can call the shots and dictate their terms to agents and tenants alike it is important that we continue to broker harmonious relations between landlord and tenant and although the landlord is our client, the tenant is our customer.

I expect to the heat turning up and demand outstripping supply. Prices are at an all-time high and may continue unless the consumer rebels as often can happen and decides to turn the tables by offering less and redressing the power of balance. Whatever the trend the market will cry out for more investment and the game of snakes and ladders are likely to continue.

Nina McDowall Head of Knightsbridge Lettings
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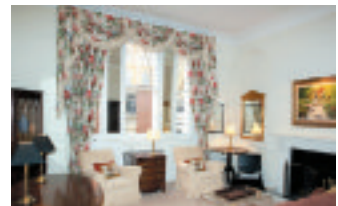


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Left: The grand Victorian exterior of Beaumont House

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Although the estate has since been revamped with a mixture of old and new buildings, Beaumont House retains its original charm. Stucco designs can be found on the arches at the entrance, along with high ceilings and exposed brickwork. Kensington Village now houses some of the UK's top media companies such as Universal Music, Zodiac Rights and Archant Life, and for good reason. The site allows residents to access their creature comforts seconds away from the office.

The Nuffield run Health centre, based inside the gated community, offers free access to their gym for full time staff from 6:30am to 8pm, to help employee's escape sedentary hours at their desks. The gym instructor, Jago Stephens is notoriously friendly, but can still carve out a results-driven programme.

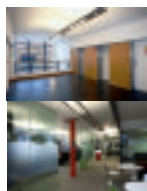
Instead of a soulless canteen, it boasts the social hub that is the Village Fayre. Since 2005, the venue has evolved from coffee shop to Bistro Bar to slick, seated Italian restaurant. During the day, the Fayre is wholly professional. But on Friday night (and indeed, every other night), the bar spills out onto

the patio with hardworking journalists, advertisers and executives networking until the small hours. And once you become a familiar face, you might be welcomed with one of owner Paulo Gouveia's complimentary pizzas. It is the perfect place to entertain clients.

Aside from the thriving social scene, Kensington Village has a number of attractive extras. Less than 8 minutes from Earls Court station, Heathrow airport is easily accessible from the A4 and the Piccadilly line, so residents can catch a flight straight from work. The development also hosts an enormous underground car park.

Kensington Village can be a somewhat closed stylish community, but now, one of the grandest buildings on site, Beaumont House, has offices available to let. A converted warehouse with contemporary glass front, the building is one of the most striking properties in the area. The available accommodation comprises a total of approx 6,000 sq ft on the second floor. With vast open plan spaces and an interior design that invites light into every room, Beaumont House offers a workplace that's aesthetically beautiful, as well as professional. Contact either the buildings' owners Schrodgers, contact Neil Meredith or the agent Mark Hickmott at BNP Paribas Real Estate to arrange a viewing. }

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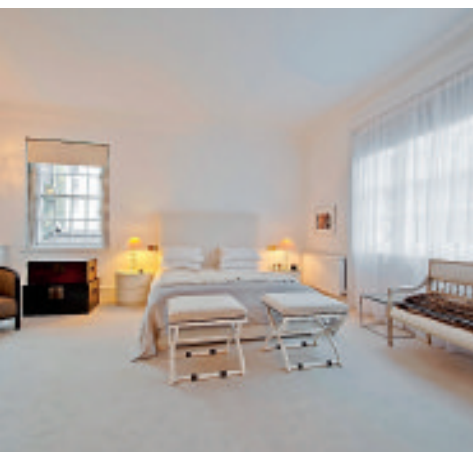
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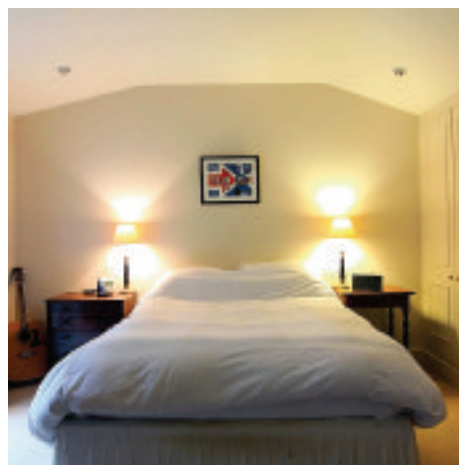


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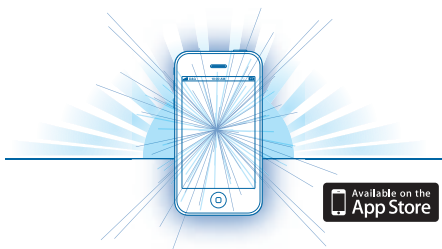


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